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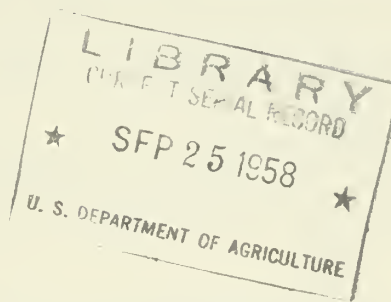
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U. S. TOBACCO EXPORTS DROP

SLIGHTLY IN 1957

U. S. exports of unmanufactured tobacco in calendar 1957 at 501.0 million pounds (declared export weight), were 1.8 percent below those of 1956. The value of the 1957 exports, however, at \$359.1 million was 7.7 percent above the 1956 value and set a new record for any calendar year.

Considering the sharp drop in production last year (particularly flue-cured), export trade was well maintained, reflecting good export demand for the grades and qualities of the leaf produced. Exports were also helped by further increases in cigarette output abroad. Gold and dollar reserves of several important markets increased steadily during the year, and improved in a number of countries in the last months of the year.

Shipments under Title I of Public Law 480 in calendar 1957 amounted to about 40 million pounds (export weight), equivalent to 8 percent of total exports.

Exports in 1958 are likely to drop somewhat from the 1957 level. Quantities of competitive tobaccos grown in other producing countries are likely to be larger than for 1957 (early reports indicate a near record crop of flue-cured in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland for harvesting early in 1958). Acreage allotments for this season are about the same as for 1957. The support level for the 1958 crop is expected to be higher than last year, and may cause somewhat higher prices.

Flue-cured exports in 1957 totaled 417.7 million pounds (export weight) compared with 420.4 million in 1956 - a decrease of less than 1 percent. The declared value of flue-cured exports last year was \$304.3 million - up 9 percent from 1956. As usual, the United Kingdom was the leading foreign customer for this kind of tobacco, taking 164.1 million pounds or 39 percent of the total. In the previous year that country took 154.5 million pounds. The second largest market for flue-cured in 1957 was

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West Germany with 52.4 million pounds, down from 57.4 million in 1956. Countries increasing their purchases from 1956 to 1957 included: Sweden, France, Switzerland, Ireland, Italy, Thailand, Australia, and Egypt. Exports to Norway, Austria, Finland, Portugal, Spain, Indonesia, Korea, Japan and Taiwan declined. The average declared export valuation per pound for flue-cured was 72.9 cents in 1957 compared with 66.6 cents in 1956.

Burley tobacco exports last year amounted to some 20.5 million pounds - down 30 percent from the 29.2 million shipped out in 1956. Burley export trade last year was affected adversely by sharp price rises for heavy-bodied traditional grades in demand abroad. Sharp drops occurred in movement to such countries as Portugal, Belgium, and the Netherlands - all important markets. Exports to West Germany, however, were 7.5 million pounds compared with 6.5 million pounds in 1956 and the latter country easily was the biggest overseas market. The average export price for Burley in 1957 was 76.3 cents per pound compared with 58.7 cents in 1956.

Kentucky-Tennessee fire-cured exports in 1957 at 22.0 million pounds were 9 percent lower than the 24.2 million shipped out in 1956. The Netherlands took 6.3 million pounds of Kentucky-Tennessee fire-cured last year - a sharp rise from the 1956 purchases. Shipments to Belgium and Indonesia also improved. Decreases occurred in exports to Italy, France, Switzerland, and Sweden. The average declared export valuation per pound for Kentucky-Tennessee fire-cured last year was 48.6 cents, compared with 51.9 cents in 1956.

Virginia fire-cured and sun-cured. Total exports of Virginia fire-cured and sun-cured leaf last year at 5.3 million pounds were 20.3 percent larger than for 1956. Important gains were recorded for Sweden and Austria. Norway continued as the most important foreign outlet taking 1.5 million pounds, or 29 percent of the total.

Black Fat, etc. Exports totaled 4.5 million pounds in 1957 - slightly below the 1956 figure. Exports to French West Africa and the Cameroon were larger last year than in 1956. Decreased shipments to Ghana and Nigeria more than offset these gains. The average export price for Black Fat was 80.8 cents per pound last year and 79.4 cents in 1956.

Exports of Maryland in 1957 were the largest in many years. At 13.5 million pounds they were 12.2 percent above 1956 and 84.2 percent above the average for 1947-51. Switzerland, where most customers prefer cigarettes containing a substantial proportion of Maryland leaf, continued in the lead among foreign markets. That country purchased 7.6 million pounds last year. West Germany, with 2.1 million, was in second position. Portugal was a new market for Maryland leaf in 1957, taking nearly 1 million pounds. The average declared export valuation for Maryland was 63.7 cents per pound in 1957 and 62.8 cents in 1956.

One Sucker exports were up slightly in 1957 - 2.6 million pounds, compared with 2.4 million in 1956. The Union of South Africa was the largest market in both 1956 and 1957 although its takings last year were only about one-half as large as those of 1956. Belgium was the second-largest market last year. A substantial part of the exports in both years consisted of old crop leaf sold at reduced prices. The average export price for One Sucker was 35.9 cents per pound in 1957, compared with 26.8 cents in 1956.

Green River. Exports, at 1.6 million pounds, rose 25 percent from 1956. The Union of South Africa and the United Kingdom were the largest markets. Combined purchases of these two countries accounted for 73 percent of total exports. Export prices averaged 38.8 cents in 1957, compared with 34.7 cents in 1956.

Cigar Leaf. Total exports of cigar leaf at 8.5 million pounds last year were up 8.6 percent from the previous year. West Germany, as usual, was the most important export outlet for cigar leaf tobacco, taking 5.4 million pounds. Exports of cigar wrapper rose to 4.5 million pounds in 1957 from 3.9 million the year before. Exports of binder, at 3.9 million pounds were nearly one-fourth larger than the 3.1 million for 1956. Cigar filler tobacco totaled only .1 million pounds compared with nearly .8 million the previous year. The value of all cigar leaf exports rose to \$10.4 million from \$8.4 million in 1956.

Perique exports at 95 thousand pounds were slightly above 1956. As usual, the United Kingdom was the principal market, taking nearly one-half the total.

Exports of trimmings, stems, and scrap rose from 3.9 million pounds in 1956 to 4.7 million last year. Morocco was easily the largest market with the United Kingdom, West Germany, and Sweden following, in order of importance.

TOBACCO, UNMANUFACTURED: United States exports by country of destination, total and types, calendar years 1956 and 1957 1/

Africa:										Flue-cured (cont'd)									
Morocco.....	1,108	170	1,454	408	South America:														
Algeria.....	1,007	439	939	603	Peru.....					79	28								
Tunisia.....	1,261	603	473	217	Chile.....					211	162								103
Egypt.....	6,212	4,346	7,535	4,710	Paraguay.....					--	--							6	2
Sudan.....	1	1	--	--	Uruguay.....					2,395	2,119							1,814	1,676
Canary Islands.....	1,421	581	664	376	Argentina.....					5	4							--	--
Spanish Africa.....	273	132	237	125	Europe:														
Cameroon.....	454	234	516	283	Sweden.....					9,875	7,882							10,824	9,073
French Equatorial Africa.....	191	62	243	75	Norway.....					5,253	3,478							4,650	3,078
French West Africa.....	277	170	611	341	Denmark.....					10,516	7,055							11,689	7,993
Ghana.....	1,280	1,099	1,169	1,032	United Kingdom.....					154,522	110,187							164,082	127,180
Nigeria.....	3,722	3,093	3,836	3,245	Ireland.....					8,472	6,118							9,673	7,472
Madeira Islands.....	18	13	24	13	Netherlands.....					24,845	10,997							23,595	11,818
Angola.....	552	315	115	54	Belgium & Luxembourg.....					15,807	6,114							12,909	6,248
Western Portuguese Africa.....	39	15	9	5	France.....					2,293	1,735							3,909	2,739
Liberia.....	5	3	17	8	Germany, West.....					57,421	34,507							52,353	34,446
Belgian Congo.....	1,014	565	1,136	614	Austria.....					7,705	3,575							299	162
Mauritius & Dependencies.....	52	46	51	44	Switzerland.....					3,525	2,132							4,083	2,758
British East Africa.....	994	870	1	1	Finland.....					4,975	2,702							3,668	1,961
Mozambique.....	80	46	61	39	Azores.....					15	11							16	8
Madagascar.....	38	22	--	--	Spain.....					2,804	2,237							2,194	1,843
Union of South Africa.....	2,132	507	1,665	464	Portugal.....					3,254	1,555							2,977	1,455
					Malta, Gozo & Cyprus.....					996	672							1,072	787
Estimated Shipments 2/.....	--	--	441	161	Italy.....					1,873	1,272							3,220	2,486
					Free Territory of Trieste.....					793	261							--	--
Total.....										Asia:									
	510,357	233,541	500,953	359,126	Syria.....					--	--							37	30
Flue-cured:					Lebanon.....					35	36							77	82
North America:					Israel.....					333	198							455	302
Canada.....	104	72	82	70	Jordan.....					343	499							397	585
Central America:					Aden.....					--	--							47	14
Mexico.....	1,381	1,018	1,543	1,152	India.....					1,664	1,728							2,634	2,727
Guatemala.....	406	315	488	433	Pakistan.....					2,673	2,309							2,871	2,563
British Honduras.....	20	12	17	11	Ceylon.....					956	823							1,079	926
El Salvador.....	525	378	504	370	Burma.....					684	505							1,423	1,026
Honduras.....	163	127	161	129	Thailand.....					8,793	6,453							13,457	9,863
Nicaragua.....	434	257	436	292	Viet-Nam, Laos & Cambodia.....					6,579	4,649							4,134	3,016
Costa Rica.....	80	82	92	96	British Malaya.....					215	115							118	79
Panama, Republic of.....	16	14	111	100	Indonesia, Republic of.....					17,308	9,155							10,520	6,908
Canal Zone.....	2	2	--	--	Philippines, Republic of.....					1,573	1,223							--	--
Jamaica.....	12	7	--	--	Korea, Republic of.....					6,070	4,653							2,168	1,903
Haiti.....	159	136	108	96	Hong Kong.....					3,254	2,075							2,710	1,710
Leeward & Windward Islands.....	74	45	21	29	Taiwan (Formosa).....					3,267	2,793							1,099	964
Barbados.....	5	5	5	4	Japan.....					5,784	5,072							3,577	3,328
Trinidad & Tobago.....	12	12	22	24	Nansei & Nampo Islands.....					154	56							810	308
Netherlands Antilles.....	--	--	15	12	Oceania:														
Venezuela.....	318	342	79	84	Australia.....					22,867	17,702							37,801	30,337
British Guiana.....	270	204	310	240	New Zealand.....					6,742	5,391							6,117	5,017
Surinam.....	131	94	149	111	British Western Pacific Islands.....					85	61							29	23

See footnotes at end of tables.

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Country of destination	(Declared Weight)							
	1956		1957		1956		1957	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	1,000 pounds	dollars	1,000 pounds	dollars	1,000 pounds	dollars	1,000 pounds	dollars
Flue-cured (cont'd)								
Africa:								
Morocco.....	60	49	315	242	18	22	6	7
Algeria.....	417	213	503	327	48	39	--	--
Tunisia.....	505	195	101	36	83	59	--	--
Egypt.....	4,909	3,349	5,308	3,654	203	236	471	506
Sudan.....	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Canary Islands.....	29	22	71	30	2,149	1,632	1,777	1,440
Cameroon.....	78	47	133	81	1,176	766	914	639
French Equatorial Africa.....	148	41	220	62	719	412	690	518
Nigeria.....	1,117	892	1,493	1,193	25	18	159	128
Madeira Islands.....	10	5	24	13	--	--	11	6
Angola.....	324	227	44	19	1,594	677	366	239
Western Portuguese Africa.....	20	11	9	5	2,594	1,121	424	249
Belgian Congo.....	484	321	333	280	364	275	506	400
Mauritius & Dependencies.....	52	46	51	44	6,465	3,866	7,510	5,178
British East Africa.....	994	870	1	1	614	432	68	55
Mozambique.....	72	42	48	31	275	170	787	680
Madagascar.....	38	22	--	--	1,180	695	116	77
Union of South Africa.....	56	48	44	39	7	4	--	--
Estimated Shipments 2/.....	--	--	107	32	221	175	--	--
Total.....	420,439	279,822	417,679	304,341	4,572	1,615	1,290	855
Burley:					--	--	23	12
North America:					973	788	865	778
Canada.....	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Central America:					12	6	19	17
Mexico.....	2,050	1,415	1,619	1,321	--	--	3	2
Guatemala.....	116	104	152	160	--	--	1	1
British Honduras.....	--	--	3	2	--	--	2	2
El Salvador.....	2	2	5	6	--	--	29	25
Honduras.....	9	10	8	10	15	12	4	3
Nicaragua.....	123	97	177	162	--	--	20	16
Costa Rica.....	33	37	40	48	546	389	15	8
Panama, Republic of.....	18	17	24	42	--	--	249	214
Haiti.....	58	51	46	369	441	209	485	321
Trinidad & Tobago.....	169	180	309	--	77	58	198	189
South America:					5	4	--	--
Colombia.....	4	4	--	--	96	51	119	76
					503	320	--	--
Burley (cont'd)								
South America:								
Venezuela.....					18	22	6	7
Peru.....					48	39	--	--
Chile.....					83	59	--	--
Uruguay.....					203	236	471	506
Europe:								
Sweden.....					2,149	1,632	1,777	1,440
Norway.....					1,176	766	914	639
Denmark.....					719	412	690	518
United Kingdom.....					25	18	159	128
Ireland.....					--	--	11	6
Netherlands.....					1,594	677	366	239
Belgium & Luxembourg.....					2,594	1,121	424	249
France.....					364	275	506	400
Germany, West.....					6,465	3,866	7,510	5,178
Austria.....					614	432	68	55
Switzerland.....					275	170	787	680
Finland.....					1,180	695	116	77
Azores.....					7	4	--	--
Spain.....					221	175	--	--
Portugal.....					4,572	1,615	1,290	855
Malta, Gozo & Cyprus.....					--	--	23	12
Italy.....					973	788	865	778
Asia:								
Lebanon.....					12	6	19	17
Israel.....					--	--	3	2
Jordan.....					--	--	1	1
India.....					--	--	2	2
Thailand.....					--	--	29	25
Viet-Nam, Laos & Cambodia.....					15	12	4	3
British Malaya.....					--	--	20	16
Philippines, Republic of.....					546	389	15	8
Korea, Republic of.....					--	--	249	214
Hong Kong.....					441	209	485	321
Oceania:								
Australia.....					77	58	198	189
New Zealand.....					5	4	--	--
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(Declared Weight)													
Country of destination	1956		1957		Country of destination	1956		1957					
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value				
	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars		1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars				
Cigar wrapper (cont'd):													
Central America:													
Mexico.....	15	30	12	26	Africa:	9	12	6	8				
Guatemala.....	1/		1	2	Morocco.....	14	37	51	118				
Bahamas.....	2	3	--	--	Algeria.....	115	191	94	202				
Jamaica.....	1	9	--	--	Canary Islands.....	--	--	1	2				
Haiti.....	2	3	1	3	Union of South Africa.....	--	--						
Dominican Republic.....	2	3	2	2	Estimated Shipments 2/.....	--	--	20	27				
Leeward & Windward Islands..	--	--	3/	1	Total.....	3,918	5,937	4,493	7,749				
South America:													
Colombia.....	8	38	--	--									
Venezuela.....	4	12	1	4	Cigar binder:								
Surinam.....	1	2	2	3	North America:								
Brazil.....	133	257	21	39	Canada.....	78	75	33	38				
Uruguay.....	1	5	2	5	Central America:								
Europe:					Jamaica.....	20	8	--	--				
Sweden.....	23	35	36	64	Dominican Republic.....	34	33	29	27				
Norway.....	1	2	2	5	Europe:								
Denmark.....	64	96	66	107	Sweden.....	150	196	126	168				
United Kingdom.....	10	26	22	59	Norway.....	--	--	45	34				
Netherlands.....	270	287	126	185	Denmark.....	112	94	62	46				
Belgium & Luxembourg.....	275	268	197	218	Netherlands.....	236	110	232	123				
France.....	--	--	14	30	Belgium & Luxembourg.....	525	280	557	338				
Germany, West.....	2,366	2,968	3,017	4,204	France.....	--	--	2	2				
Germany, East.....	50	59	99	140	Germany, West.....	694	517	2,379	1,548				
Austria.....	14	37	--	--	Germany, East.....	125	69	--	--				
Czechoslovakia.....	11	27	19	31	Austria.....	142	167	146	180				
Switzerland.....	25	54	56	122	Switzerland.....	--	--	8	9				
Poland & Denzig.....	27	11	27	11	Poland & Denzig.....	44	17	177	89				
Azores.....	5	11	2	5	Spain.....	913	606	--	--				
Spain.....	8	7	--	--	Asia:								
Asia:					Israel.....	5	2	2	1				
Israel.....	3	2	--	--	Viet-Nam, Laos & Cambodia..	13	14	--	--				
India.....	3	9	--	--	Oceania:								
Viet-Nam, Laos & Cambodia....	6	16	1	2	Australia.....	2	3	2	3				
Philippines, Republic of.....	27	48	61	183	New Zealand.....	1	1	--	--				
Taiwan (Formosa).....	4	18	--	--	Africa:								
Oceania:					Morocco.....	1	1	--	--				
Australia.....	--	--	1	1	Algeria.....	--	--	2	3				
New Zealand.....	1	1	3/	1	Canary Islands.....	7	3	57	35				

U. S. EXPORTS OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS -- 1957

United States exports of all tobacco products combined during 1957 were valued at \$73.6 million - or about 12 percent above the 1956 export value. A significant increase occurred last year in exports of cigarettes, which rose to 17.0 billion pieces from 15.7 billion in 1956.

Cigarettes. Exports of cigarettes in 1957, at 17.0 billion with a value of \$67.5 million, compared with 1956 exports of 15.7 billion, value \$58.9 million. This continued the upward trend which began in 1956. The principal foreign markets for U. S. cigarettes last year included the following in order of importance: Venezuela, Morocco, France, Hong Kong, British Malaya, Belgium-Luxembourg, Sweden, Panama Republic, Ecuador, West Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands. Each of these countries took 400 or more million pieces in 1957, with Venezuela purchasing by far the largest quantity - 2,334 million, compared with 1,965 million in 1956. Substantial increases occurred for British Malaya (up 239 million), Hong Kong (up 356 million), and France (up 511 million).

Cigars and Cheroots. The 1957 exports of cigars and cheroots totaled 9.2 million pieces, valued at \$400,000. Both quantity and value approximated the 1956 levels. Canada was the leading market for cigars and cheroots last year, taking 2.8 million pieces.

Smoking Tobacco in Packages. Exports of smoking tobacco in packages were the same in 1957 as in 1956 - 607,000 pounds. Canada, Sweden, Denmark, France, Italy, and Iceland were the largest markets for this product last year. Each of these outlets took at least 20,000 pounds, with Canada purchasing 229,000 pounds, or more than one-third of the total.

Smoking Tobacco in Bulk. Spain remained as the largest market for smoking tobacco in bulk last year. It purchased about 1.3 million pounds, or 30 percent of the total of 4.4 million pounds. Other important markets in 1957 included the Panama Republic, Mexico, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. The Philippines, which took 607,000 pounds of the product in 1956, purchased none in 1957.

Chewing Tobacco and Snuff. Exports of chewing tobacco and snuff in 1957 totaled about 1.5 million pounds, compared with nearly 1.7 million in 1956. Australia purchased .9 million pounds last year, compared with nearly 1 million in 1956.

TOBACCO, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS: United States exports by products and country of destination, calendar years 1956 and 1957 1/

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Country of destination	Cigarettes		Cigars and Cheroots		Smoking Tobacco in Packages		Smoking Tobacco in Bulk		Chewing Tobacco and Snuff	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	Million pieces	Million pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Canada.....	339.9	325.6	3,268	2,790	205	229	--	--	15	9
Mexico.....	54.0	58.6	--	--	2	1	625	486	--	--
Panama, Republic of.....	493.3	521.6	383	605	1	1	604	672	84	88
Canal Zone.....	103.5	45.7	750	412	2	3	--	--	24	6
Bermuda.....	73.6	68.6	724	328	--	--	--	--	4	--
Bahamas.....	53.8	61.5	20	100	2	1	--	--	11	7
Cuba.....	342.2	425.3	--	3	3	--	--	--	2	1
Jamaica.....	24.7	31.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1
Haiti.....	42.6	30.1	--	--	--	--	624	499	--	--
Dominican Republic.....	102.6	79.3	--	--	--	--	390	528	--	--
Netherlands Antilles.....	345.5	341.6	350	30	12	6	--	--	21	13
Colombia.....	255.0	155.2	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Venezuela.....	1,964.7	2,333.9	93	103	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ecuador.....	288.8	489.5	--	--	--	1	348	219	--	--
Peru.....	156.1	212.6	--	--	3	2	420	33	--	--
Bolivia.....	4.6	6.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay.....	142.2	185.3	--	10	--	1	--	--	--	--
Argentina.....	8.4	21.4	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Iceland.....	167.5	183.8	242	--	21	22	--	--	--	--
Sweden.....	774.0	623.7	--	--	49	41	--	2	--	--
Norway.....	171.4	171.2	15	60	1	2	--	--	--	--
Denmark.....	362.2	443.5	93	12	58	37	26	18	--	--
United Kingdom.....	40.2	37.1	30	--	17	13	--	--	10	9
Netherlands.....	400.8	435.9	--	30	13	8	3	--	5	--
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	490.2	638.8	57	14	16	13	6	6	--	--
France.....	804.2	1,314.9	219	195	26	34	--	--	--	--
Germany, West.....	519.3	476.3	--	--	26	13	--	134	--	--
Austria.....	79.4	92.4	--	--	10	7	--	--	--	--
Switzerland.....	378.3	235.9	347	412	20	12	13	22	--	3
Finland.....	29.7	37.8	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--
Poland and Danzig.....	46.2	68.5	--	--	5	4	--	--	--	--
Spain.....	503.4	71.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Italy.....	392.8	423.7	--	--	27	25	1,528	1,323	6	--
Syria.....	39.5	45.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lebanon.....	124.5	221.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iraq.....	12.7	22.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iran.....	10.4	22.2	--	36	--	--	--	--	--	--
Israel.....	28.4	37.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Kuwait.....	358.1	420.7	57	166	--	1	--	--	--	--
Saudi Arabia.....	128.3	156.0	545	362	--	1	--	--	--	1
State of Bahrain.....	102.5	72.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

TOBACCO, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS: United States exports by products and country of destination, calendar years 1956 and 1957 1/

Country of destination	Cigarettes		Cigars and Cheroots		Smoking Tobacco in Packages		Smoking Tobacco in Bulk		Chewing Tobacco and Snuff	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	Million : pieces	Million : pieces	1,000 : pieces	1,000 : pieces	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds
Viet-Nam, Laos and Cambodia.....	3.4	22.3	--	--	--	--	199	--	--	--
British Malaya.....	689.3	928.6	--	--	4	4	--	--	--	--
Philippines, Republic of.....	100.0	104.9	--	--	--	--	607	--	431	285
Macao.....	104.2	43.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hong Kong.....	864.2	1,220.0	--	--	16	19	--	--	--	--
Nausei and Nanpo Islands.....	435.7	179.4	--	16	--	--	--	--	--	--
Australia.....	.7	.7	--	--	--	--	152	59	995	925
French Pacific Islands.....	21.2	25.1	--	--	36	--	--	--	34	81
Morocco.....	1,761.3	1,939.3	408	613	7	6	2	--	--	--
Algeria.....	21.7	29.4	--	--	--	--	--	55	--	--
Egypt.....	80.8	19.7	300	415	--	5	--	1	--	--
Spanish Africa.....	191.7	35.3	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
French West Africa.....	54.3	59.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Liberia.....	61.6	92.0	105	84	--	--	--	--	--	--
Belgian Congo.....	31.0	34.7	--	--	6	1	--	--	--	--
Ethiopia.....	32.2	32.1	30	60	3	1	--	--	--	--
French Somaliland.....	54.3	33.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Madagascar.....	11.9	23.5	--	--	--	--	5	2	--	--
Union of South Africa.....	45.8	31.2	532	479	1	3	--	--	--	--
Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Fed. of.....	--	.8	199	156	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other.....	389.2	490.1	312	1,696	12	89	90	58	17	35
Total quantity.....	15,714.0	16,992.7	9,109	9,187	607	607	5,675	4,449	1,661	1,464
Declared Value, 1,000 Dollars.....	58,902	67,538	428	400	670	748	4,423	3,625	1,423	1,286

1/ Preliminary.

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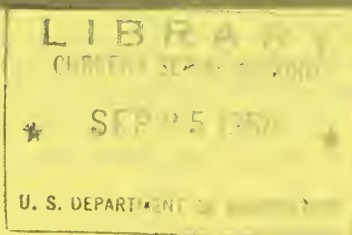
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WORLD TOBACCO PRODUCTION FIRST

HALF OF 1958 UP 2.5 PERCENT

The world forecast for leaf tobacco production to be harvested the first half of 1958 is 2,578 million pounds, up about 2.5 percent from the 1957 production and almost 26 percent above the 1950-54 average.

Total acreage for harvest in the first 6 months of 1958 is forecast at 3,833 thousand acres. This is almost 2 percent above that in 1957, about 6 percent above 1956 and over 21 percent above the 1950-54 average. Greater production of all light types is forecast, while the output of dark types is expected to decline.

In several countries tobacco is harvested in both 6 month periods of the year. Production in such countries is included in this forecast if most of the crop is harvested in the first half of the year. 1/

Production by Continents and Areas

North America, Including the Caribbean Area

Production of tobacco for the first half of 1958 is forecast at 267.5 million pounds - up 4.3 percent from 1957. Fairly large increases are expected in Mexico and the Dominican Republic, with smaller rises forecast for Honduras and El Salvador. Little change is expected in the other areas.

1/ Includes Colombia, Madagascar, Ceylon, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Thailand.

South America

The 1958 South American production is forecast at 552 million pounds - about the same as that in 1957. The largest expected increase of 25 million pounds for Brazil is offset by the expected decrease of 17 million pounds in Argentina. There is little change forecast for other countries.

Asia

Production in Asia for harvest in the first half of 1958 is estimated at 1,418 million pounds - up approximately 1.2 percent from 1957. India, Pakistan, Indonesia, and the Philippines are expected to show slight increases with others about the same as a year earlier.

Africa

Leaf tobacco for harvest in Africa in the first half of 1958 is estimated at 325 million pounds - up sharply from the 298 million pounds in 1957. Nearly all of the expected increase is for the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, but there were small increases forecast for the Belgian Congo and Mauritius.

Oceania

In Oceania, production for harvest in the first half of 1958 is forecast at 15.7 million pounds - up almost 16 percent from the 1957 figure. Increases are expected in both Australia and New Zealand.

Production by Types

For the first time all light varieties have shown an increase and all dark varieties have decreased. A summary of the production by types for the first half of 1958 is as follows:

Flue-cured: The forecast of 694 million pounds of flue-cured indicates a rise of slightly less than 15 percent from 1957. The greatest increases were 47 million pounds (64 percent) in Brazil, 25 million pounds (17 percent) in the Rhodesias and Nyasaland and 9 million (15 percent) in the Philippine Republic. Smaller increases are indicated for Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, and Burma. There was a decrease of 2 million pounds (10 percent) in Argentina. The acreage of flue-cured tobacco for harvest is estimated at 961,000 acres, an increase of about 7 percent above 1957. The 1958 flue-cured acreage is 63 percent above the 1950-54 average of 589,000 acres.

Burley: Burley tobacco is estimated at 20.1 million pounds which is 20 percent above the 16.7 million pounds harvested in the comparable period of 1957. The greatest increase in Burley production is estimated for Cuba where production jumped from 1.0 million pounds in 1957 to 3.8 million in 1958. Lesser increases occurred in Brazil and Mexico but a drop of .8 million pounds is forecast for Argentina. Burley production about doubled in the Belgian Congo and reached 1.1 million pounds in 1958.

Other Light Air-cured: Production of other light air-cured types is estimated at 33.2 million pounds compared with 30.8 million in 1957 and 35.9 million pounds in 1956. The largest increase (2.7 million pounds) is forecast for Argentina.

Light Sun-cured: Production of light sun-cured tobacco is estimated at 158 million pounds, compared with 149 million pounds in 1957 and 153 million in 1956. Mexico shows an increase of almost 6.4 million pounds, reaching an estimated total of 44.0 million pounds.

Oriental (Turkish) and Semi-Oriental: Production of oriental is expected to be about 15.8 million pounds or about 2 percent above 1957. The largest increases are indicated for Pakistan and Rhodesia-Nyasaland.

Dark Air-cured 2/: Dark air-cured production is estimated at 766 million pounds, a decline of 39.0 million pounds, or 4.9 percent, from 1957. The most important decreases include drops of 14.9 million pounds in native leaf in Argentina; 13.2 million pounds in Brazil twist, and 4.4 million pounds in Bahia cigar leaf. Bahia cigar leaf production is estimated at 44.1 million pounds in 1958, it averaged 60 million pounds in the 1950-54 period. The forecast of 49.6 million pounds for the Dominican Republic indicates an increase of 3.9 million pounds from 1957. Production of dark air-cured leaf in the Philippines dropped from 46 million pounds in 1957 to 42 million pounds in 1958.

Dark Sun-cured: Dark sun-cured production is estimated at 858 million pounds, or almost the same as in the first half of 1957. India's production of dark sun-cured tobacco rose 4 million to a total of 470 million pounds in 1958. Pakistan's production of this type leaf was up 2 million reaching a total of 122 million pounds.

Fire-cured: Estimates of fire-cured production indicate a crop of 33.6 million pounds, a slight decrease from the 35.2 million pounds harvested a year earlier. Decreases are forecast for Argentina, Ceylon, and Rhodesia-Nyasaland. Rhodesia and Nyasaland's production, although down slightly, was estimated at 25 million pounds which is about 2.3 million pounds above the 1950-54 average.

2/Recent information indicates that perhaps as much as two-thirds of the tobacco classed as dark sun-cured for Burma should be classed as dark air-cured.

IEAF TOBACCO: Estimated production by kind harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Kinds	Average		1956	1957	1958 <u>2/</u>
	1935-39	1950-54			
	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Flue-cured.....	89.1	388.2	603.6	603.7	693.8
Burley.....	.4	11.7	14.3	16.8	20.1
Other light air-cured:	23.7	30.4	35.9	30.8	33.2
Light sun-cured.....	130.4	140.8	153.1	148.9	157.6
Oriental and semi-					
oriental.....	1.5	9.5	14.8	15.5	15.8
Dark air-cured.....	1,036.7	743.9	765.9	804.6	765.6
Dark sun-cured.....	801.2	685.9	811.8	858.1	857.9
Fire-cured.....	18.5	31.1	34.2	35.2	33.6
Total.....	2,101.5	<u>3/</u> 2,046.1	2,433.6	2,513.6	2,577.6

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above dry weight normally reported in manufacturing and export statistics. 2/ Preliminary.

3/ Includes 4,604 thousand pounds for Belgian Congo which are not identified by kinds.

Leaf Tobacco: Estimated acreage, yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested					Yield per acre					Production				
	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/
	1935-39	1950-54	1,000	1,000	1935-39	1950-54	1950-54	1950-54	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
North America:															
Mexico.....	51	88	73	90	92	750	902	879	38,200	79,781	66,138	73,634	79,781	66,138	73,634
Central America:															
Costa Rica.....	3/	3	3	6	6	743	893	541	3/	2,293	2,500	3,246	2,293	2,500	3,246
El Salvador.....	1 1/2	3	3	7	4	650 1/2	470	530	428	750 1/2	1,586	1,964	1,283	1,586	1,964
Guatemala.....	5	7	7	7	7	690	608	526	1,892	4,233	3,100	4,233	4,233	3,100	4,233
Honduras.....	7	14	9	12	13 1/2	606	510	669	4,500	7,150	5,820	7,917	7,150	5,820	7,917
Nicaragua.....	1	2	3	3	3	900	808	667	800	1,245	2,426	1,984	1,245	2,426	1,984
Panama.....	3/	2	1	1	1	585	700	700	3/	896	712	701	896	712	701
Caribbean:															
Cuba.....	108	145	143	149	152	429	562	775	48,092	81,755	102,050	115,404	81,755	102,050	115,404
Dominican Republic.....	25	47	50	55	60	965	836	831	24,625	41,124	45,683	49,603	41,124	45,683	49,603
Haiti.....	3/	4	3/	3/	3/	821	753	688	3/	1,080	1,500	1,500	1,080	1,500	1,500
Jamaica.....	3/	2	2	3	2	753	700	411	688	1,158	1,234	1,100	1,158	1,234	1,100
Total for countries shown.....	198	317	224	329	340	118,859	223,998	228,479	223,998	228,479	256,517	287,529	223,998	228,479	256,517
South America:															
Argentina.....	29	90	92	112	93	965	842	835	27,983	75,949	85,480	93,475	75,949	85,480	93,475
Bolivia.....	3	3	3	3	3	700	734	700	2,500	2,310	2,100	2,100	2,310	2,100	2,100
Brazil.....	250	397	459	470	495	811	678	689	202,703	268,919	316,424	344,249	268,919	316,424	344,249
Chile.....	9	8	7	7	7	1,846	1,735	1,910	16,618	13,697	13,226	14,012	13,697	13,226	14,012
Colombia.....	37	50	51	54	55 1/2	803	886	1,535	16,697	13,697	80,909	82,893	13,697	80,909	82,893
Paraguay.....	22	18	14	13	13	808	932	1,017	17,792	16,944	12,125	13,227	16,944	12,125	13,227
Peru.....	3/	8	7	7	7	935	935	1,125	1,767	7,560	8,155	8,155	7,560	8,155	8,155
Uruguay.....	10	13	9	9	2	860	1,012	650	1,254	1,058	1,058	900	1,058	1,058	900
Venezuela.....	61	588	643	677	684	825	913	1,151	7,700	11,502	529,715	544,350	11,502	529,715	544,350
Total for countries shown.....	561	988	1,084	1,144	1,144	310,014	447,103	447,103	310,014	447,103	529,715	544,350	447,103	529,715	544,350
Africa:															
Angola.....	2/	3	5	5	5	495	446	446	3/	1,015	2,205	2,205	1,015	2,205	2,205
Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi.....	2/	9	10	10	10	515	517	566	3/	4,604	4,850	5,291	4,604	4,850	5,291
Kenya.....	2/	1	1	1	1	721	700	700	300	564	570	600	564	570	600
Madagascar.....	19	19	25	25	25	764	517	383	14,164	9,820	9,581	9,581	9,820	9,581	9,581
Mauritius.....	1	1	1	1	1	1,200	1,435	1,241	1,416	650	811	892	1,416	650	811
Mozambique.....	1	5	8	7	7 1/2	385	414	470	1,936	3,210	3,210	3,300	1,936	3,210	3,300
Nigeria.....	56	38	61	61	61	400	639	504	22,800	24,716	30,750	30,830	22,800	24,716	30,750
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	54	299	311	307	329	805	489	588	43,486	145,952	209,355	180,579	43,486	145,952	209,355
Tanganyika.....	3/	15	14	15	15	306	362	350	874	5,420	5,420	5,420	874	5,420	5,420
Uganda.....	4/	9	9	9	9	400	380	587	1,500	4,929	4,900	5,400	1,500	4,929	4,900
Union of South Africa.....	47	74	83	84	84	523	536	650	24,372	44,172	43,900	54,400	24,372	43,900	54,400
Total for countries shown.....	187	473	528	525	547	108,613	241,282	241,282	108,613	241,282	314,938	324,632	108,613	314,938	324,632
Asia:															
Burma.....	108	129	133	138	137	726	795	781	78,400	102,258	86,845	107,780	102,258	86,845	107,780
Cambodia, Laos and Viet-Nam.....	44	32	43	43	43 1/2	728	648	721	32,004	20,350	30,600	31,000	32,004	20,350	31,000
Ceylon.....	14	14	15	15	15	615	510	580	7,018	7,018	30,600	31,000	7,018	30,600	31,000
China, Taiwan.....	4	15	20	20	20	1,490	1,321	1,679	1,700	20,034	33,578	34,000	20,034	33,578	34,000
India.....	917	849	1,013	1,022	1,030 1/2	830	670	652	761,000	568,516	685,440	694,000	568,516	685,440	694,000
Indonesia.....	449	345	407	412	417	532	421	342	238,775	145,322	136,097	140,180	238,775	145,322	142,769
Pakistan.....	355	179	239	232	239 1/2	913	948	1,096	324,053	170,320	262,000	237,000	324,053	170,320	237,000
Philippines.....	176	109	136	199	199	474	501	528	82,292	54,400	76,995	109,789	82,292	76,995	109,789
Thailand.....	53	96	138	144	144 1/2	489	362	378	25,900	34,793	53,630	54,564	25,900	34,793	54,564
Total for countries shown.....	2,120	1,768	2,144	2,225	2,245	1,557,385	1,123,018	1,123,018	1,557,385	1,123,018	1,349,205	1,418,094	1,123,018	1,349,205	1,418,094
Oceania:															
Australia.....	10	7	11	13	13	787	849	714	5,276	6,011	6,515	9,134	6,011	6,515	9,134
New Zealand.....	2	4	3	3	4	787	1,280	1,422	1,387	4,652	4,733	5,143	4,652	4,733	5,143
Total Oceania.....	12	11	14	16	17	1,574	2,129	2,136	6,663	10,663	11,248	14,277	10,663	11,248	14,277
TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN.....	2,873	3,157	3,623	3,772	3,833	2,101,514	2,046,066	2,046,066	2,101,514	2,046,066	2,433,645	2,571,677	2,046,066	2,433,645	2,571,677

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above average dry weight which is normally reported in export statistics. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Not available. 4/ Less than a 5-year average. 5/ Recently methods of estimating acreage and production have changed in an effort to improve data; therefore data for 1935-39 are not comparable with later information.

Foreign Agricultural Service.

FIVE-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons -- farm sales weight 1/

Continents and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average		Average		Average		Average		Average		Average	
	1955-59	1950-54	1958	1957	1955-59	1950-54	1958	1957	1955-59	1950-54	1958	1957
	acres	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
North America:												
Mexico.....	1	5	3	4	720	1,074	836	892	700	4,949	3,307	3,527
Costa Rica.....	3/	1	4/	4/	3/	345	500	500	3/	145	205	200
El Salvador.....	2	2	2	2	320	5/	412	509	5/	938	1,186	1,350
Guatemala.....	1	1	1	1	530	802	653	696	132	439	600	600
Honduras.....	3/	3/	1	1	790	3/	697	785	3/	150	300	450
Nicaragua.....	1	1	1	1	1,051	1,000	1,000	1,000	730	730	1,083	862
Cuba.....	--	--	--	2	--	--	786	811	--	--	--	1,825
Jamaica.....	--	3/	3/	3/	--	3/	3/	3/	--	41	50	50
South America:												
Argentina.....	1	13	21	32	1,000	990	1,365	817	599	13,104	28,660	22,046
Brazil.....	37	37	57	69	1,200	1,292	1,066	1,200	12,549	47,522	64,484	120,702
Chile.....	3/	1	1	1	3/	1,324	1,327	1,442	203	6,608	670	725
Venezuela.....	--	6	5	5	--	1,139	1,431	1,455	--	6,217	6,503	6,500
Africa:												
Kenya.....	--	3/	3/	3/	--	3/	3/	3/	--	183	270	300
Mauritius.....	1	1	1	1	1,200	1,306	1,170	1,122	430	616	647	688
Mozambique.....	--	5	7	6	--	410	416	500	--	1,872	2,910	3,000
Nigeria.....	--	2	7	7	--	504	471	471	--	1,492	310	330
Tanganyika.....	3/	6	5	6	3/	453	667	603	6	2,757	3,333	3,620
Uganda.....	--	2	3	3	--	301	493	433	--	458	1,479	1,400
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	50	198	195	187	568	592	912	794	28,390	116,993	177,728	148,558
Union of South Africa	3/	--	--	--	3/	--	--	--	2,715	--	--	--
Amarello.....	3/	31	39	43	3/	600	520	567	3/	18,553	20,300	24,400
Asia:												
Burma.....	--	1	3	5	--	810	575	502	--	496	1,725	2,500
Ceylon.....	--	5	7	7	--	475	514	514	--	1,520	3,600	3,472
China, Taiwan.....	3	15	20	20	1,200	1,321	1,679	1,700	3,751	20,034	33,578	34,000
India.....	60	162	210	203	440	428	661	690	26,900	101,860	138,880	135,000
Indonesia.....	12	25	87	99	110	400	273	351	4,800	11,399	23,772	34,790
Pakistan.....	3	3	13	11	--	988	923	994	--	3,600	12,000	38,269
Philippine Republic.....	1	4	87	105	590	579	555	563	342	2,415	10,500	11,500
Thailand.....	3	52	50	56	280	343	323	303	900	17,873	48,295	59,061
Cambodia, Laos and Viet-Nam.....	--	1	1	1	--	567	600	1,000	--	16,152	16,962	17,086
Oceania:												
Australia.....	10	7	11	13	532	849	592	714	5,276	6,011	6,515	9,134
New Zealand.....	2	3	3	3	683	1,280	1,649	1,402	1,367	4,582	4,408	10,600
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN.....	154	589	840	954	961	--	--	--	85,110	385,187	603,640	603,713

See footnotes at end of tables.

1. AIR-CURED BURLEY: Estimated acreage, yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of the calendar year 1958, with comparisons, farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested						Yield per acre						Production					
	Average		1956	Average		1957	Average		1956	Average		1957	Average		1956	Average		1957
	acres	1,000	acres	1,000	acres	1,000	acres	1,000	pounds	1,000	acres	1,000	pounds	1,000	acres	1,000	pounds	
North America:																		
Mexico.....	3/	1	1	2	2	3/	1,206	918	1,041	1,098	300	1,703	772	1,543	1,764			
Costa Rica.....	--	3/	4/	4/	4/	--	670	400	400	400	1	400	1	5	5			
El Salvador.....	--	4/	1	1	1	--	5/	500	754	707	--	5/	47	473	550			
Guatemala.....	--	2/	1	1	1	--	721	829	829	813	--	145	829	585	500			
Honduras.....	--	2/	4/	4/	4/	--	588	588	930	870	3/	3/	20	67	120			
Nicaragua.....	--	4/	5/	4/	4/	--	750	800	800	800	--	5/	160	160	160			
Cuba.....	--	1	--	1	4	--	--	--	1,000	951	--	--	--	1,004	3,803			
South America:																		
Argentina.....	4/	1	1	1	1	638	985	1,413	1,582	1,400	99	731	1,047	1,942	1,102			
Brazil.....	--	3	4	5	5	--	893	827	786	728	--	3,125	3,307	3,142	3,638			
Chile.....	--	4/	4/	4/	4/	--	1,064	1,374	1,699	1,688	--	100	600	591	100			
Venezuela.....	--	3	2	2	2	--	790	1,397	1,288	1,288	--	2,331	2,390	2,204	2,200			
Africa:																		
Belgian Congo.....	3/	1	1	1	1	3/	3/	892	892	892	3/	3/	442	662	1,102			
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	3/	3/	6	6	6	3/	300	402	383	400	10	1,543	2,465	2,374	2,500			
Asia:																		
India.....	--	3	4	4	4	--	624	583	500	500	--	1,798	2,330	2,000	2,000			
Oceania:																		
New Zealand.....	--	3/	3/	3/	3/	--	3/	3/	3/	3/	--	70	85	64	87			
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN.....	--	12	20	23	27						409	11,654	14,303	16,756	20,131			

See footnotes at end of tables.

OTHER LIGHT AIR-CURED (INCLUDING MARYLAND): Estimated acreage, yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons, farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average		Average		Average		Average		Average		Average	
	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957-59	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957-59	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957-59
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
South America:												
Argentina.....	4	11	16	11	13	1,116	1,008	880	771	864	14,109	8,490
Africa:												
Madagascar.....	17	17	19	19	19	750	518	413	410		7,853	7,800
Mauritius.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	1,600	1,715	1,451	1,925	1,864	164	345
Amarelle.....	1	1	7	7	7	84	84	493	495	495	2,733	3,450
Nigeria.....	3/	3/	1	1	1	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	4,000	5,800
Union of South Africa.....												
Asia:												
Pakistan.....	--	6	6	6	6	--	759	1,157	833	692	4,600	5,000
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN.....	21	35	49	44	46	--	23,690	30,374	35,959	30,797	4,500	33,188

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TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN...
See footnotes at end of tables.

LIGHT SUN-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958 1/2

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1956	1957 1/2	Average	1956	1957 1/2	Average	1956	1957 1/2
	1935-39	1950-54	1958 1/2	1935-39	1950-54	1958 1/2	1935-39	1950-54	1958 1/2
North America:									
Mexico.....	13	40	42	921	1,101	897	921	44,489	44,092
Costa Rica.....	--	2	6	--	806	506	500	2,147	3,036
South America:									
Paraguay.....	16	13	9	834	963	1,136	1,056	12,708	10,227
Asia:									
India.....	191	150	3/	549	488	3/	3/	73,076	85,000
Pakistan.....	6/	10	17	6/	840	813	824	14,000	14,000
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN..	220	215	73	76	130,384	140,820	153,060	157,592	157,592

See footnotes at end of tables.

ORIENTAL AND SEMI-ORIENTAL: Estimated acreage, yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons, farm sales weight 1/2

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1956	1957 1/2	Average	1956	1957 1/2	Average	1956	1957 1/2
	1935-39	1950-54	1958 1/2	1935-39	1950-54	1958 1/2	1935-39	1950-54	1958 1/2
South America:									
Argentina.....	--	--	2	--	446	446	400	--	1,120
Africa:									
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	2	1	2	340	684	687	800	214	700
Union of South Africa.....	3/	2	2	3/	500	500	500	1,008	1,000
Asia:									
Pakistan.....	3/	11	14	3/	769	892	838	8,300	12,500
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN..	2	14	20	21	1,455	9,522	14,806	15,520	15,841

See footnotes at end of tables.

D.R.K AIR-CURED: Estimated acreage yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons, farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage Harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/	
	1955-54	1956	1,000	acres	1955-54	1956	1,000	acres	1955-54	1956	1,000	acres
North America:												
Mexico.....	37	42	28	42	667	681	740	750	25,000	21,274	31,085	31,526
El Salvador(including cigar).....	1 1/2	2/	3/	3/	1	588	375	580	700	298	225	300
Guatemala.....	5	6	5	5	382	588	433	438	1,760	3,649	2,125	2,000
Honduras.....												
Copan.....	7	13	8	11	606	538	673	656	4,500	5,500	7,400	7,865
Nicaragua.....												
Chilagregue.....	1 1/2	2	2	2	800	725	540	425	800	1,083	862	840
Shade grown.....	--	1/	1/	1/	--	--	600	600	20	100	100	100
Panama.....	3/	2	1	1	3/	585	700	700	896	712	701	700
Dominican Republic.....												
Drionlo and Olor.....	25	47	50	55	985	867	838	835	24,625	41,124	45,683	49,603
Haiti.....	--	4	3/	3/	--	821	3/	3/	--	1,500	1,500	1,500
Jamaica.....												
Cigar.....	1	1	1	1	--	800	600	800	1,017	600	1,084	950
Native(cow-tongue).....	--	1/	1/	1/	--	500	500	500	100	100	100	100
South America:												
Argentina.....												
Native.....	20	55	45	56	914	779	760	750	18,187	34,253	48,553	33,730
Cigar(Bahia and Cuerda).....	3	7	5	8	1,015	733	1,000	835	4,780	6,255	2,100	5,732
Bolivia.....	3	3	3	3	700	734	700	700	2,310	2,100	2,100	2,100
Brazil.....												
Bahia-cigar.....	80	94	89	90	950	640	495	490	76,600	44,092	48,502	44,092
Tabacco.....	130	112	223	207	677	915	695	682	87,954	154,938	141,094	127,867
Other 8/.....	30	151	86	100	850	367	577	479	25,600	49,603	52,910	47,950
Colombia.....												
Native, Garcia and Cubita.....	37	42	51	48	803	995	1,396	1,506	41,666	71,194	72,311	73,000
Other.....	8	8	6	6	741	921	875	763	31,697	9,715	10,582	10,775
Paraguay (Puerto).....	6	5	5	4	741	921	875	763	31,697	9,715	10,582	10,775
Peru.....	3/	8	7	7	3/	935	1,125	1,125	1,767	3,500	3,000	3,000
Uruguay.....	1	1	1	2	850	1,012	1,360	630	1,294	1,058	815	800
Venezuela.....	10	4	2	2	825	705	573	640	7,700	2,954	1,545	1,500
Africa:												
Angola.....	3/	3/	5	5	3/	495	446	446	1,015	2,205	2,205	2,200
Belgian Congo.....	3/	3/	8	9	3/	499	499	510	3/	4,189	4,409	4,409
Cigar, wrapper, filler & binder.....	3/	3/	1	4/	3/	446	446	892	3/	220	220	220
Kenya.....	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	300	300	300	381	300	300	300
Madagascar(Corse).....	2	2	6	6	800	375	288	288	1,400	1,728	1,728	1,700
Nigeria.....												
Nicotina rustica(peasant), tabacum.....	56	47	47	47	407	628	590	574	22,800	27,707	26,970	27,000
Tanganyika.....	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	292	440	440	501	517	520	520
Uganda.....	1	2	2	2	450	292	440	440	459	831	780	800
Union of South Africa.....	3/	41	41	38	3/	370	454	623	15,166	18,600	23,700	24,000
Asia:												
Ceylon.....	10	7	6	6	620	456	567	484	6,200	3,644	3,400	2,900
Indonesia.....												
Cigar.....	31	12	12	13	990	623	725	692	30,715	7,338	9,000	8,500
Sumatra, Dehli.....	406	308	308	295	501	410	336	320	203,260	103,628	96,390	96,000
Pakistan.....												
Cigar.....	2	3	3	3	700	1,000	1,000	1,033	1,200	3,000	3,100	3,000
Other.....	355	65	71	72	915	1,041	972	944	324,053	67,600	69,000	68,000
Philippine Republic.....	175	105	49	94	466	498	586	488	28,700	81,950	46,076	41,887
Cambodia, Laos and Viet-Nam.....	44	31	42	42	727	650	714	714	32,004	30,000	30,000	30,000
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN.....	1,476	1,219	1,213	1,236	1,036,686	743,951	1,036,686	743,951	765,941	804,590	765,566	765,566

See footnotes at end of tables.

DARK SUN-CURED: Estimated acreage yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons, farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage Harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/	
	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/
	acres	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:												
Cuba												
Vuelta Abajo 9/ (including wrapper, binder and filler):	42	59	60	62	468	630	874	964	19,669	36,966	52,364	59,857
Semi-Vuelta (filler):	6	10	6	6	365	407	952	578	2,188	4,000	5,818	3,556
Remedios:	56	70	71	72	443	486	546	619	23,106	34,148	38,596	44,616
Puerto (shade grown wrapper) 9/:	2	3	3	3	680	652	1,031	992	1,364	2,198	3,184	3,145
Oriente (cigarette & chewing):	2	3	3	3	883	1,320	707	775	1,765	4,443	2,088	1,642
South America:												
Chile												
Paraguay	7	5	5	5	1,850	2,047	2,021	2,072	12,024	10,507	9,875	11,106
Havana:	2	2	1	1	1,849	1,476	1,905	1,991	4,391	2,482	2,050	1,587
Africa:												
Mozambique:	1	1	1	1	385	175	200	200	1,395	4,503	300	300
Rhodesia and Nyasaland:	3/	8	9	11	3/	540	299	276	1,395	4,503	300	300
Asia:												
Burma:	108	128	130	133	726	794	655	792	78,400	101,772	85,120	103,600
China, Taiwan:	1	3/	3/	3/	1,500	3/	3/	3/	2,210	391,782	432,150	466,140
India:	666	534	3/	3/	770	733	3/	3/	629,260	76,120	140,100	122,000
Pakistan:	3/	82	112	110	3/	928	1,250	1,091	1,089	16,920	37,478	37,478
Thailand:	50	44	88	88	500	383	426	426	25,000	16,920	37,478	37,478
Total:	943	948	489	495					801,239	685,905	811,857	858,056

See footnotes at end of tables.

FIRE-CURED: Estimated acreage yield and production of specified South Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the first half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons, farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage Harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/	
	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/
	acres	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
South America:												
Argentina												
Kentucky:	1	3	2	2	880	935	1,274	1,252	1,069	3,130	2,205	2,756
Africa:												
Tanganyika:	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	367	1,414	1,216	1,100
Uganda:	3	5	4	4	200	435	596	700	1,294	2,012	2,390	3,200
Rhodesia and Nyasaland:	2	91	99	101	651	250	259	254	13,011	22,699	25,768	25,710
Asia:												
Ceylon												
Ceylon	4	2	2	2	700	702	850	850	2,800	1,854	1,700	1,500
Ceylon	3/	3/	1	2	3/	3/	900	667	3/	3/	900	1,000
Pakistan:												
Total:	10	101	108	110					18,541	31,109	34,179	35,166

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above average dry weight, which is normally reported in statistics. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Not available. 4/ Less than 500 acres. 5/ Less than a 5 year average.

6/ If any, included in dark air-cured. 7/ May include some of the production of India. 8/ May include some light air-cured. 9/ Includes shade grown wrapper which is fire-cured.

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ABOUT \$114.6 MILLION WORTH OF TOBACCO PROGRAMMED UNDER

TITLE I OF PUBLIC LAW 480 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1957

Sale of approximately \$114.6 million worth, or about 160.8 million pounds of tobacco had been provided for under Title I of Public Law 480 as of December 31, 1957. The total includes sales since the beginning of the Public Law 480 program in 1954-55 through 39 agreements with 19 countries.

Table 1. -- Tobacco: Sales agreements under Title I of Public Law 480 as of December 31, 1957

Country	Estimated Quantity	Value
	<u>Million pounds</u>	<u>Million dollars</u>
Austria 1/.....	6.0	3.8
Brazil.....	.1	.2
Burma.....	2.8	2.1
Chile.....	.4	.3
China (Republic of).....	2.0	1.7
Ecuador.....	.8	.7
Finland 1/.....	11.4	7.0
France.....	8.5	4.6
Iceland.....	.4	.4
India.....	6.0	6.0
Indonesia.....	25.5	15.5
Israel.....	.9	.6
Italy 1/.....	11.3	8.9
Japan.....	9.8	7.9
Korea.....	8.5	6.7
Pakistan.....	5.8	4.9
Spain 1/.....	8.6	6.2
Thailand.....	5.4	4.1
United Kingdom 2/.....	46.6	33.0
Total.....	160.8	114.6

1/ Since December 31, 1957 an additional agreement has been signed. The value is listed on Table 2. 2/ Since December 31, 1957 an additional agreement was signed with the United Kingdom for \$5.0 million worth of tobacco with an estimated weight of 7.0 million pounds. This is not included in Table 1.

Table 2. -- Tobacco: Title I, Public Law 480 agreements signed, but shipments not completed as of December 31, 1957

Country	Value	Purchase Authorization			End of
	Million dollars	Number	End of contracting period	shipping period	
Austria 1/.....	1.00	21-18	May 31, 1958	June 30, 1958	
Burma.....	.33	33-11	December 31, 1957	January 31, 1958	
Burma.....	1.00	33-12	March 31, 1958	April 30, 1958	
Ecuador.....	.50	29-06	November 30, 1957	August 31, 1958	
Finland 1/.....	3.00	18-17	June 30, 1958	December 31, 1958	
France.....	2.50	27-03	May 31, 1958	June 30, 1958	
Iceland.....	.39	40-09	January 31, 1958	February 28, 1958	
India.....	3.05	39-10	May 31, 1958	June 30, 1958	
Indonesia.....	4.42	34-16	March 31, 1958	April 30, 1958	
Israel.....	.15	16-34	March 31, 1958	April 30, 1958	
Italy 1/ 2/.....	3.00				
Spain 1/.....	5.30	17-46	May 31, 1958	June 30, 1958	
Thailand.....	.30	23-05	December 31, 1957	January 31, 1958	
1/ Agreement signed after December 31, 1957. 2/ This agreement was signed March 7, 1958 but the purchase authorization has not been issued as of the date of this publication.					

Table 3. -- Tobacco: Percentages by type exported under Public Law 480 as of December 31, 1957, compared with total tobacco exports for selected periods.

Periods	Flue-cured	Burley	Dark-fired : Ky.-Tenn.	Dark-fired : Virginia	All cigar	All other
1935-39 Average...	74.4	2.5	11.6	2.2	.3	9.0
1947-51 Average...	79.8	6.7	5.1	1.2	2.0	5.2
1954-55 Average...	83.6	6.1	4.3	.8	1.1	4.1
1955-56 Average...	85.0	5.2	4.0	.9	.8	4.1
1956-57 Average...	82.2	5.7	4.7	.8	1.4	5.2
Public Law 480:						
as of December:						
31, 1957.....	84.0	8.2	6.3	.4	.3	.8

Table 4. -- Tobacco, Unmanufactured: U. S. exports under Public Law 480, by types and countries of destination, from the beginning of the program January 1955 through December 1957

Country	(Declared Weight)												Total
	Flue-cured	Burley	Dark-fired Kr-Tenn	Dark-fired Virginia	Maryland	Green River	One Sucker	Cigar	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	Quantity : Value : 1,000 : 1,000 : pounds : dollars :	
Austria.....	3,221 : 1,858 :	1,678 : 900 :	229 : 185 :	547 : 476 :				284 : 378 :	5,959 : 3,797 :				
Brazil.....								121 : 243 :					
Burma.....	2,078 : 1,485 :								2,078 : 1,485 :				
Chile.....	271 : 212 :	52 : 37 :	1 : 1 :						324 : 250 :				
China (Republic of).....	2,006 : 1,722 :								2,006 : 1,722 :				
Ecuador.....	212 : 167 :	116 : 94 :							328 : 261 :				
Finland.....	8,627 : 4,914 :	2,088 : 1,186 :	311 : 114 :	97 : 43 :			296 : 127 :		11,419 : 6,384 :				
France.....	870 : 650 :		3,094 : 1,400 :						3,964 : 2,050 :				
Iceland 1/.....	193 : 191 :	119 : 117 :	53 : 9 :		9 : 8 :				374 : 325 :				
India.....	1,104 : 1,181 :	2 : 2 :		3 : 3 :					1,109 : 1,186 :				
Indonesia.....	22,601 : 13,592 :	48 : 17 :	878 : 538 :			55 : 20 :			23,582 : 14,167 :				
Israel.....	674 : 427 :								674 : 427 :				
Italy.....	4,353 : 3,735 :	3,200 : 2,622 :	3,750 : 2,896 :						11,303 : 9,253 :				
Japan.....	8,055 : 6,662 :	1,736 : 1,165 :							9,791 : 7,827 :				
Korea.....	8,237 : 6,506 :	249 : 223 :							8,486 : 6,729 :				
Pakistan.....	5,779 : 4,818 :								5,779 : 4,818 :				
Spain.....	4,010 : 3,338 :	2,753 : 2,081 :	968 : 258 :		815 : 371 :	15 : 4 :		73 : 121 :	8,634 : 6,173 :				
Thailand.....	5,060 : 3,756 :								5,060 : 3,756 :				
United Kingdom.....	46,623 : 33,074 :								46,623 : 33,074 :				
Total.....	123,974 : 88,288 :	12,041 : 8,444 :	9,284 : 5,401 :	647 : 522 :	824 : 379 :	70 : 24 :	296 : 127 :	478 : 742 :	147,614 : 103,927 :				

1/ Includes leaf content of tobacco products shipped under the program. Breakdown by type estimated.

In the past 3 fiscal years, agreements have been signed covering 54 million, 66 million and 35.3 million pounds of tobacco, respectively. Only two agreements were signed in the first half of 1957-58. However, since December 31, 1957, 5 additional agreements have brought the totals thus far in 1957-58 to about \$20 million worth, or about 30.9 million pounds. This includes a new purchase authorization issued under a previous agreement with Austria.

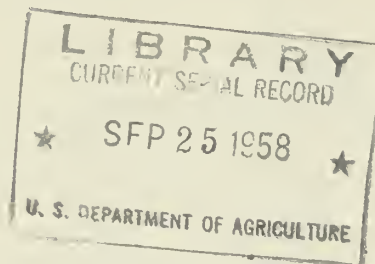
Shipments of tobacco under all Public Law 480 agreements as of December 31, 1957 totaled about 148 million pounds.

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FREE-WORLD TOBACCO EXPORTS

LARGER IN 1957

Free-World exports of unmanufactured tobacco during 1957 reached a record high of 1,459 million pounds. Exports last year were 4 percent greater than the 1,401 million pounds exported in 1956, and 17 percent above the 1950-54 average. (For valid comparisons, the trade of countries now in the Soviet bloc available for prewar years, but not for most of the postwar period, has been excluded from this analysis.)

There was a very significant gain in world trade in oriental leaf in 1957. Total exports from the 3 principal oriental tobacco-producing countries - Turkey, Greece, and Yugoslavia - increased from 285 million pounds in 1956 to 375 million last year. Flue-cured, however, easily held first place in Free-World tobacco export trade. Total Free-World exports of light cigarette tobaccos - including flue-cured, Burley, other light air-cured, and oriental - made up nearly 80 percent of export trade last year.

Principal Exporting Countries

United States.--United States exports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1957, amounting to 501.0 million pounds (declared export weight), were down 1.8 percent from 1956. The United States, as usual, was the world's largest tobacco exporter in 1957, but the U.S. share in Free-World exports declined to 34.3 percent from 36.4 percent in 1956.

Flue-cured exports in 1957 were only slightly below those for 1956 and accounted for about 83 percent of total U.S. unmanufactured tobacco exports. There were significant increases in movement of U.S. flue-cured to Australia, the United Kingdom, Thailand, Italy, and France and substantial decreases for Belgium-Luxembourg, West Germany, Austria, Finland, and Indonesia. U.S. exports of Burley were nearly one-third smaller in 1957

than in 1956. Dark-fired Kentucky-Tennessee leaf and Black Fat also declined. Gains were made in Virginia fire-cured, One Sucker, Green River, and cigar leaf. Maryland exports were the largest in many years.

Rhodesian Federation.--Exports from the Rhodesias and Nyasaland dropped sharply in 1957 to 139 million pounds compared with the record high of 165 million in 1956. Flue-cured accounted for 82 percent of the Federation's unmanufactured tobacco exports in 1957 and fire-cured most of the remainder. British Commonwealth countries took 70 percent of the total exports last year. United Kingdom purchases dropped about 11 million pounds below 1956, but still accounted for 55 percent of total exports. Countries in Western Europe continued as important outlets for the Federation's tobacco, taking 28.9 million pounds last year, compared with 30.1 million in 1956.

Turkey.--Unmanufactured tobacco exports from Turkey in 1957 were at an all-time high of 191 million pounds - up 43 percent from 1956. The United States took nearly one-half of Turkey's exports last year, or 88 million pounds, compared with 47 million in 1956. Shipments to the Soviet Union and other "bloc" countries in Eastern Europe amounted to 50 million pounds in 1957, compared with 35 million the previous year.

Greece.--Greek exports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1957, totaling 149 million pounds, were at a record high - up 39 percent from 1956. West Germany, which purchased 51 million pounds in 1957, was easily the most important market. Exports to the United States, at 29.5 million pounds, were at an all-time high. France, Italy, Austria, and Belgium all were large purchasers of Greek leaf. Shipments to the Soviet Union and the bloc countries totaled 14 million pounds in 1957.

India.--Tobacco exports from India declined to about 85 million pounds in 1957 from 93 million the previous year. As usual, British Commonwealth countries took well over one-half of the exports but there was substantial movement to the Soviet Union, the Netherlands, Belgium, and several other markets in Western Europe. India is the Free World's third largest exporter of flue-cured tobacco which makes up about 85 percent of the country's total tobacco exports.

Brazil.--Exports declined to 62 million pounds in 1957, from 67 million the previous year. Brazilian tobacco exports consisted mainly of dark and cigar leaf for use in cigars and dark cigarettes. Western European countries provide the largest market. Spain was the leading purchaser in 1957, with the Netherlands, West Germany, France, Algeria, Denmark, and Belgium-Luxembourg also taking substantial quantities.

Cuba.--Exports of unmanufactured tobacco, at nearly 56 million pounds in 1957, were 18 percent larger than those for 1956. United States' takings of Cuban tobacco last year, at 31.7 million pounds, represented 57 percent of the total. Spain ranked second as a market for Cuban leaf in 1957. Other important purchasers included the Netherlands, West Germany, Canary Islands, and Uruguay.

Canada.--Exports of Canadian leaf tobacco, almost entirely flue-cured, in 1957 totaled a little more than 37 million pounds. The United Kingdom, as usual, was the major market for Canadian leaf last year, taking 72 percent of the total. West Germany and the Netherlands were important outlets in 1957, taking 2.7 million and 1.3 million pounds, respectively. Both of these countries increased their purchases of Canadian leaf last year.

Yugoslavia.--Exports declined to 35 million pounds in 1957 from the record high of 44 million in 1956. Yugoslavia's exports consist largely of oriental and semi-oriental tobaccos. Major markets in 1957 included France, the United States, the Soviet Union, Egypt, and Poland.

Italy.--Italian exports of leaf tobacco in 1957 totaled about 24 million pounds - slightly less than in 1956. Major markets for Italian leaf in 1957 included West Germany, the United States, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and France. Italy exported flue-cured, Burley, fire-cured, and oriental leaf last year. West Germany was the principal market for Burley, and the United States the largest outlet for oriental.

Philippine Republic.--Philippine exports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1957 were slightly smaller than those of 1956 - 21 million pounds compared with 23 million. Spain was the principal market for leaf tobacco last year, taking 12 million pounds. The United States' purchases, mostly scrap filler for cigars, totaled nearly 6 million pounds.

Principal Importing Countries

United Kingdom.--In 1957 the United Kingdom retained its position as the world's largest tobacco importer. Its purchases totaled 319 million pounds, mainly flue-cured tobacco for cigarette manufacture. The United States was the principal source, supplying 168 million pounds or nearly 53 percent of the total. Imports from the Rhodesian Federation and India dropped in 1957, but purchases from Canada increased.

West Germany.--Duty-paid imports of unmanufactured tobacco into West Germany rose from 155 million pounds in 1956 to nearly 169 million in 1957. Imports from the United States at 64 million pounds were up 5 percent from 1956. Imports of oriental leaf from Greece and Turkey, combined, rose 11 percent from 1956. Purchases of tobacco from the Rhodesian Federation and Canada, primarily flue-cured, totaling 5.0 million pounds, also were larger than in the previous year. Imports from Italy at 5.1 million pounds also increased.

United States.--Imports for consumption of unmanufactured tobacco into the United States in 1957 at 126 million pounds were at a record high. Purchases consisted chiefly of oriental leaf from Turkey and Greece and cigar filler and scrap from Cuba and the Philippines. Imports are accounting for a steadily increasing percentage of total U.S. usings of leaf tobacco.

Tobacco, unmanufactured: International trade, averages 1935-39, 1945-49, 1950-54, annual 1956-57

Continent and Country	Average 1935-39			Average 1945-49			Average 1950-54			1956 1/		1957 1/	
	Exports	Imports	1,000 pounds	Exports	Imports	1,000 pounds	Exports	Imports	1,000 pounds	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
North America:													
Canada 2/	16,492	4,317	17,052	1,626	31,050	1,412	30,217	1,665	37,206	3,000	2,047	1,000	2,047
Mexico.....	215	210	497	1,857	555	3,307	779	3,868	664	500,953	126,007	1,000	4,308
United States.....	420,797	71,274	513,546	84,139	473,640	101,906	510,357	120,918	500,953	3,000	126,007	1,000	126,007
Costa Rica.....	--	40	--	88	45	97	--	128	--	3,000	125	1,000	125
El Salvador.....	--	495	--	2,201	34	3,313	--	2,376	--	3,000	2,006	1,000	2,006
Guatemala.....	--	68	--	333	--	673	--	600	--	3,000	600	1,000	600
Honduras 5/	1,894	43	3,851	52	3,803	139	2,994	265	3,000	3,000	500	1,000	500
Nicaragua.....	--	175	--	488	2	699	--	1,048	--	3,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cuba.....	27,712	--	36,642	--	36,642	--	46,927	--	55,453	--	--	--	--
Dominican Republic.....	13,652	--	38,524	122	29,763	86	29,660	--	26,081	--	--	--	--
Total.....	480,762	76,622	606,121	90,906	575,534	111,632	620,934	130,868	623,357	136,593	--	--	--
South America:													
Argentina.....	180	16,878	4,042	18,322	973	3,121	1,474	220	6,689	--	200	--	200
Brazil.....	71,073	772	76,670	408	64,847	218	67,001	156	62,300	--	30	--	30
British Guiana.....	--	6/	--	614	--	622	--	679	--	4,000	675	--	675
Chile.....	--	172	--	827	--	688	--	772	--	12,663	654	--	654
Colombia.....	6,472	138	6,261	350	9,315	239	11,429	9	12,663	--	--	--	--
Paraguay.....	7,747	202	10,676	--	7,267	26	7,244	603	7,000	--	600	--	600
Peru.....	--	212	--	561	10	649	--	163	--	3,000	160	--	160
Surinam.....	--	7/	--	7/	--	137	--	163	--	3,000	160	--	160
Uruguay.....	--	3,051	--	6,103	--	9,118	--	9,963	--	3,000	10,000	--	10,000
Total.....	85,472	21,818	97,649	27,185	82,412	14,818	87,148	12,565	88,652	12,319	--	--	--
Europe:													
Austria.....	1,424	16,954	--	13,542	1,470	19,899	2,201	30,925	1,531	27,547	--	--	--
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	413	39,900	485	33,892	2,023	48,717	728	50,022	1,034	55,895	--	--	--
Denmark.....	490	20,706	695	18,893	595	23,974	19	26,702	78	25,223	--	--	--
Finland.....	--	6/	--	6,707	--	10,407	1	11,750	--	10,979	--	--	--
France.....	686	58,716	577	64,001	1,183	69,912	1,764	76,503	5,606	67,121	--	--	--
Germany, West 2/.....	19	204,644	--	26,460	676	114,993	1,770	155,238	1,591	168,681	--	--	--
Greece.....	97,657	20	39,856	--	88,077	--	107,031	--	148,941	--	--	--	--
Ireland.....	394	12,292	--	16,090	627	17,044	43	9,688	--	10,725	--	--	--
Italy.....	12,927	5,253	4,515	16,578	22,160	8,290	26,034	15,668	24,304	15,313	--	--	--
Netherlands.....	3,249	67,349	2,086	46,721	8,352	69,370	9,621	71,123	6,779	72,196	--	--	--
Norway.....	--	6,602	--	8,809	--	8,818	177	9,500	46	9,964	--	--	--
Portugal.....	--	6,381	--	10,024	4	10,679	177	11,867	--	11,592	--	--	--
Spain.....	--	30,979	--	38,746	--	48,844	463	45,616	1,318	43,267	--	--	--
Sweden.....	153	14,829	--	15,962	10	21,221	271	19,008	--	23,067	--	--	--
Switzerland.....	--	15,795	--	20,424	3	24,458	--	26,806	2	26,892	--	--	--
United Kingdom.....	5,996	269,262	4,699	335,848	7,149	302,358	2,829	318,371	2,700	318,986	--	--	--
Yugoslavia.....	10,362	--	17,867	--	15,712	2,988	44,182	--	35,434	--	--	--	--
Bulgaria.....	59,396	--	55,246	--	7/	--	7/	7/	7/	7/	--	--	--
Czechoslovakia.....	--	20,768	--	26,460	--	7/	7/	7/	7/	7/	--	--	--
Hungary.....	19,162	3,106	840	7/	7/	7/	7/	7/	7/	7/	--	--	--
Poland.....	149	18,404	--	5,595	--	7/	7/	7/	7/	7/	--	--	--
U.S.S.R.	6,173	--	7/	--	7/	--	7/	--	7/	7/	--	--	--
Total.....	218,650	819,714	128,054	704,752	148,041	801,972	197,134	879,027	229,364	887,977	--	--	--

Africa:

Algeria.....	24,979 :	7,482 :	14,637 :	6,517 :	27,716 :	9,856 :	24,982 :	12,629 :	9,534 :	16,087
Egypt.....	-- :	13,014 :	-- :	26,418 :	-- :	26,278 :	-- :	22,873 :	-- :	26,182
Morocco.....	17 : 6/	3,921 : 6/	2,543 :	4,969 :	493 :	4,997 :	242 :	6,004 : 3/	250 : 3/	6,200
Tunisia.....	-- :	2,843 :	-- : 6/	5,957 :	117 :	5,465 :	590 :	5,509 :	-- : 4/	6,216
Belgian Congo.....	-- :	1,000 :	118 : 6/	3,130 : 6/	155 :	6,554 :	1 :	8,816 :	110 :	12,202
Ghana.....	-- :	1,471 :	-- :	1,397 :	-- :	1,534 :	-- :	1,180 :	-- :	1,440
Madagascar.....	5,262 :	17 :	3,676 :	-- :	8,596 :	37 :	8,344 :	-- : 1 1/2 :	8,876 :	--
Nigeria.....	-- :	2,919 :	-- :	4,021 :	-- :	6,498 :	-- :	5,523 :	-- : 4/	4,188
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	33,405 :	327 :	77,912 : 6/	1,307 :	116,811 :	6,406 :	165,118 :	-- :	138,897 :	--
Union of South Africa.....	635 :	3,100 :	1,084 :	4,476 :	2,823 :	2,989 : 3/	2,500 :	20,065 : 3/	2,500 : 3/	5,000
Total.....	64,281 :	36,094 :	99,970 :	58,192 :	156,711 :	70,614 :	201,882 :	85,599 :	160,167 :	77,515

Asia:

Lebanon.....	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	911 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	500
Syria.....	(2,762 : 11/	(112 : 11/	(4,987 : 11/	(768 :	911 :	771 :	1,953 :	539 : 3/	2,000 : 3/	66
Turkey (Europe and Asia)...	75,490 :	152 :	105,371 :	-- :	5,387 :	1,137 :	1,614 :	468 :	922 :	--
China, Mainland.....	30,994 :	56,613 : 3/	1,209 : 6/	24,647 :	132,971 :	12 :	133,848 :	-- :	191,000 :	--
Hong Kong.....	2,086 :	10,450 : 6/	1,180 :	7,230 : 8/	6,979 :	11,470 : 8/	1,348 :	7,974 : 8/	1,322 :	10,171
Ceylon.....	-- :	1,200 :	875 :	1,831 :	1,224 :	1,737 :	923 :	1,788 : 4/	1,068 : 4/	2,053
China, Taiwan.....	-- :	7/ :	-- :	7/ : 6/	45 : 6/	908 :	-- :	2,468 :	-- : 3/	2,500
India 12/.....	43,500 :	4,791 :	61,615 :	11,282 :	84,405 :	4,354 :	93,182 :	2,746 : 1/2 :	85,000 : 4/	3,204
Indonesia.....	101,176 :	2,765 : 6/	5,970 : 6/	4,797 :	30,192 :	13,484 :	25,453 :	31,885 :	30,000 : 4/	21,061
Japan.....	8,700 :	9,902 : 6/	450 :	-- :	1,254 :	11,810 :	1,113 :	12,574 :	8,106 :	4,769
Laos, Viet-Nam, Cambodia... 6/	216 :	2,718 :	-- : 6/	4,937 :	1 :	13,748 :	-- :	12,000 :	-- :	10,000
Pakistan.....	-- :	13/ :	-- : 6/	1,721 :	20 :	7,453 :	1,681 :	11,987 : 3/	1,300 : 3/	10,000
Philippines.....	37,357 :	1,075 : 6/	7,817 : 6/	277 :	19,281 :	22,374 :	22,835 :	7,214 :	21,273 :	71
Thailand.....	13 :	3,405 :	-- :	1,745 :	21 :	5,488 :	10,159 :	9,427 :	14,833 :	11,893
Total.....	302,294 :	93,183 :	189,474 :	59,215 :	282,691 :	94,746 :	294,109 :	101,070 :	356,824 :	76,288

Oceania:

Australia 14/.....	114 :	23,153 :	79 :	25,892 :	1 :	31,388 :	249 :	36,516 :	351 :	45,474
New Zealand.....	113 :	3,027 :	-- :	5,738 :	-- :	6,290 :	-- :	6,215 :	-- :	6,147
Total.....	227 :	26,180 :	79 :	31,630 :	1 :	37,678 :	249 :	42,731 :	351 :	51,621
Total for Comparable Countries 15/...	1,035,812 :	974,720 :	1,064,052 :	915,178 :	1,245,390 :	1,131,460 :	1,401,456 :	1,251,860 :	1,458,715 :	1,242,313

Total World..... 1,151,686 : 1,073,611 : 1,121,347 : 971,880 : 1,245,390 : 1,131,460 : 1,401,456 : 1,251,860 : 1,458,715 : 1,242,313
 1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes Newfoundland. 3/ Approximated from unofficial sources. 4/ Estimated from data for less than one year. 5/ Fiscal year ending March 31st.
 6/ Less than a five year average. 7/ Not available. 8/ Re-exports. 9/ All Germany 1935-46, Western Germany 1947 to date. 10/ Includes manufactured tobacco.
 11/ Separate data not available. 12/ Fiscal year beginning April 1, 1935-49, calendar year 1950 to date. 13/ Included in India prior to separation. 14/ Year beginning July 1, 1935-49; Calendar year 1950 to date. 15/ Excluding Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, U.S.S.R. and China Mainland.

Prepared or estimated from official statistics of foreign governments, reports of United States Agricultural Attaches, office research, and other information.

Netherlands.--Dutch gross imports (direct imports plus withdrawals from bond) of unmanufactured tobacco rose slightly in 1957 to 72 million pounds from 71 million in 1956. Imports from the United States decreased from 26 million to 25 million pounds. Larger quantities were taken from Indonesia, Brazil, the Rhodesian Federation, and Cuba in 1957 than in 1956. Purchases from Greece and Turkey were smaller in 1957 than in the previous year.

France.--Imports of unmanufactured tobacco into France in 1957, at 67 million pounds, were 12 percent less than those for 1956. Imports from the United States, however, at nearly 9 million pounds were up 38 percent from the 1956 purchases. The decline in total French imports last year was due principally to a drop in purchases from Algeria, which had sharply reduced supplies available from the 1956 crop. Greece was the most important source of tobacco imports in 1957, furnishing 11.5 million pounds.

Belgium-Luxembourg.--Imports totaled 56 million pounds in 1957 - up from 50 million in 1956. Increases occurred for the Rhodesian Federation, India, Brazil, Italy, and the Dominican Republic. Countries having a smaller tobacco market in Belgium-Luxembourg in 1957 included Turkey, Indonesia, and the United States. Belgian manufacturers state that severe retail price fixing by the government for tobacco products forces them to use tobaccos that are low in price. Consequently, they are buying more and more leaf in such countries as Italy and Rhodesia, and are reducing purchases in the United States.

Australia.--Australian imports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1957 amounted to 45 million pounds - up from 37 million in 1956. The United States continued as the major source of supply furnishing 34 million pounds, or about 75 percent of total imports. The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, with 9 million pounds ranked second and Canada with nearly 2 million pounds, third. Mozambique, which supplied no tobacco to the Australian market in 1956, furnished nearly one-half million pounds last year.

Spain.--Spanish imports of unmanufactured tobacco from the United States rose from 5.3 million pounds in 1956 to 6.9 million in 1957, although total leaf imports declined from 45.6 million to 43.3 million pounds. Imports from Brazil showed the largest increase, rising from 4.4 million pounds in 1956 to 15.6 million last year. Purchases from the Philippines and Cuba were considerably smaller than in 1956.

Austria.--Austrian tobacco imports dropped from 31 million pounds in 1956 to 28 million in 1957. Imports from the United States were only 5.2 million pounds in 1957, compared with 11.5 million in 1956. Purchases from Greece, India, Indonesia, and the Dominican Republic also declined. Larger imports were made from Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and Brazil.

Switzerland.--Swiss imports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1957 totaled nearly 27 million pounds - practically the same as in 1956. The United States furnished 12 million pounds, or 45 percent of the total. Other major suppliers of tobacco to the Swiss market in 1957 included, for cigarette leaf, the following countries: Turkey, Greece, and Italy; for cigar leaf, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, and Cuba; and for pipe tobacco, Brazil, Paraguay, Indonesia, Rhodesian Federation, and India.

Egypt.--Egypt's imports (withdrawals from bond) of leaf tobacco rose slightly in 1957, amounting to 26 million pounds. Imports from the United States increased from 8 to nearly 9 million pounds, reflecting the growing popularity of cigarettes containing U.S. tobaccos. Other major sources of Egypt's tobacco imports last year were Turkey, Greece, India, and Communist China.

Denmark.--Danish imports for consumption of tobacco declined slightly in 1957. The total of 25 million pounds compared with more than 26 million in 1956. The United States remained the major source in 1957, supplying 13 million pounds, or more than one-half of the total. Other principal sources of Denmark's tobacco imports last year included Brazil, Indonesia, and the Rhodesian Federation.

Sweden.--Swedish imports of unmanufactured tobacco rose from 19 million pounds in 1956 to 23 million in 1957, with most of the increase supplied by the United States. Imports from Italy and Greece were larger last year than in 1956.

Imports for the countries reported in the accompanying table are consistently smaller than exports for a number of reasons: (1) Some tobacco may appear twice in world exports, i.e., as exports from the country of growth and as re-exports from the country of original destination; (2) Free-World exports to Soviet bloc countries do not appear as imports into the bloc since import trade figures for these countries are not available; (3) A number of countries whose imports materially exceed their exports are not included in the table.

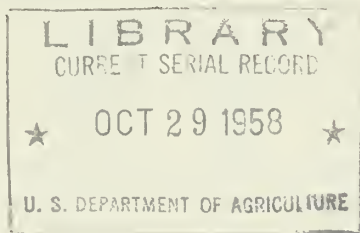
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RISING EUROPEAN CIGARETTE OUTPUT HELPS

MAINTAIN U.S. LIGHT TOBACCO EXPORTS

Cigarette manufacture in Western Europe has been increasing steadily in recent years. This rise in output has been accompanied by a trend towards lighter cigarette blends, many of which contain U.S. tobacco. Although the U.S. share in Europe's market for cigarette leaf is declining, larger needs of manufacturers have helped to maintain imports of light tobacco from the United States.

Western Europe is the major market for exports of U.S. light cigarette tobaccos, taking 339 million pounds in 1957. For the last 3 years nearly three-fourths of total U.S. exports of light tobacco--flue-cured, Burley, and Maryland--have been sold to Western Europe.

Although U.S. exports of cigarette tobacco to Europe have held up fairly well in recent years, an increasing portion of the market is being supplied from other sources. First, more home-grown leaf is being used in cigarette manufacture; second, European countries wish to buy more and more tobacco from overseas areas which are traditional markets for Europe's industrial goods.

U.S. seed-types--primarily flue-cured and Burley--grown abroad compete directly with light leaf imports from the United States. Larger crops of flue-cured, particularly in the Rhodesias, India and Canada, have provided the U.S. grower with stiffer competition. Rapid increases in production of oriental tobacco have intensified this competition. Hence, Western Europe's imports of cigarette leaf from the United States would have been much smaller in recent years if there had not been a continual rise in cigarette output.

U. S. exports of light cigarette tobaccos to Western Europe, 1955-57
(declared export weight)

Country of destination	1955				1956				1957			
	Flue-cured	Burley	Maryland	Total	Flue-cured	Burley	Maryland	Total	Flue-cured	Burley	Maryland	Total
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
Austria.....	4.0	1.1	.4	5.5	7.7	.6	--	8.3	.3	.1	.4	.8
Belgium-Luxembourg...	19.9	2.8	.3	23.0	15.8	2.6	.8	19.2	12.9	.4	.5	13.8
Denmark.....	10.5	.9	1/	11.4	10.5	.7	1/	11.2	11.7	.7	1/	12.4
Finland.....	4.5	.7	--	5.2	5.0	1.2	--	6.2	3.7	.1	--	3.8
France.....	2.6	.4	.2	3.2	2.3	.4	.2	2.9	3.9	.5	.6	5.0
Germany, West.....	47.8	5.9	.9	54.6	57.4	6.5	1.7	65.6	52.4	7.5	2.1	62.0
Ireland.....	12.4	--	--	12.4	8.5	--	--	8.5	9.7	1/	--	9.7
Italy.....	.3	1.0	--	1.3	1.9	1.0	--	2.9	3.2	.9	--	4.1
Netherlands.....	23.2	1.5	.5	25.2	24.8	1.6	.6	27.0	23.6	.4	.4	24.4
Norway.....	5.3	.7	--	6.0	5.3	1.2	1/	6.5	4.7	.9	1/	5.6
Portugal.....	2.5	4.1	--	6.6	3.3	4.6	--	7.9	3.0	1.3	1.0	5.3
Spain.....	4.0	--	.7	4.7	2.8	.2	.3	3.3	2.2	--	.4	2.6
Sweden.....	6.1	3.1	--	9.2	9.9	2.1	--	12.0	10.8	1.8	--	12.6
Switzerland.....	2.9	.9	5.0	8.8	3.5	.3	7.4	11.2	4.1	.8	7.6	12.5
United Kingdom.....	180.6	.2	--	180.8	154.5	1/	--	154.5	164.1	.2	--	164.3
Total, above.....	326.6	23.3	8.0	357.9	313.2	23.0	11.0	347.2	310.3	15.6	13.0	338.9
Total, rest of world:	129.9	8.0	.4	138.3	107.2	6.2	1.1	114.5	107.4	4.9	.5	112.8
Grand total.....	456.5	31.3	8.4	496.2	420.4	29.2	12.1	461.7	417.7	20.5	13.5	451.7
1/ Less than 50,000 pounds.												

Compiled in the Foreign Agricultural Service from records of the Bureau of the Census.

CIGARETTES: Estimated output in Western Europe

Country	:Average :1935-39	:Average :1947-51	: 1954	: 1955	: 1956	: 1957
	:Million :pieces	:Million :pieces	:Million :pieces	:Million :pieces	:Million :pieces	:Million :pieces
Austria.....	4,878:	4,982:	6,409:	7,212:	7,946:	8,249
Belgium-Luxembourg:	5,747:	8,391:	8,804:	9,165:	9,460:	10,545
Denmark.....	1,451:	3,228:	3,892:	3,857:	3,933:	4,100
Finland.....	3,920:	4,247:	5,561:	5,704:	5,812:	5,317
France.....	18,097:	29,486:	40,778:	36,878:	41,218:	43,031
Germany, West.....	1/27,011:	1/18,826:	2/39,662:	2/45,411:	2/50,870:	2/55,875
Ireland.....	2,712:	4,894:	5,715:	5,988:	5,604:	5,806
Italy 4/.....	16,993:	26,556:	37,245:	38,728:	41,315:	43,467
Netherlands.....	4,042:	6,819:	10,853:	11,300:	12,310:	3/12,300
Norway.....	802:	1,392:	1,314:	1,427:	1,340:	1,441
Portugal.....	949:	2,966:	3,707:	4,061:	4,429:	4,415
Spain.....	6,498:	8,547:	12,092:	14,145:	16,129:	16,775
Sweden.....	1,864:	3,321:	4,460:	4,964:	5,104:	4,900
Switzerland.....	2,071:	6,261:	7,949:	8,387:	8,729:	8,996
United Kingdom.....	77,928:	106,324:	111,735:	116,000:	116,600:	117,000
Total.....	174,963:	236,240:	300,176:	313,227:	330,799:	342,217
1/ Fiscal years. 2/ Includes West Berlin. 3/ Calculated Output;						
Consumption rose due to increased imports. 4/ Fiscal years - except 1957.						

Cigarettes are now the most important tobacco product consumed in Western Europe. The general trend in most countries of the area is toward greater consumption of cigarettes at the expense of other tobacco products. Consumption has also been moving toward greater use of light cigarettes and since World War II, toward variations of an American-type blended or a modified oriental cigarette. This rise in the use of light cigarettes has been a major factor upholding imports of light U.S. cigarette tobaccos. European manufacturers work in substitute tobaccos to meet requirements for expanded output wherever it is possible. However, in most countries there is a need for minimum quantities of U.S. tobacco to provide an acceptable smoke of the popular type. This is especially true in countries where cigarette quality is paramount; in other countries, especially those with tobacco monopolies consumers must smoke what is available. In these countries increasing proportions of substitute tobaccos, either American seed-types, oriental or dark tobaccos are used. Each country, however, is a market in itself.

Austria

Cigarette output in Austria rose in 1957 to 8.2 billion pieces from 7.9 billion in 1956. This was, however, at a slower rate than in earlier years. Output had increased from 6.4 billion pieces in 1954 to 7.2

billion in 1955 and 7.9 billion in 1956. It is believed that wide adverse publicity in Austria on the effects of smoking reduced the rate of increase in cigarette use, despite an expanding economy. The Austrian Tobacco Monopoly, therefore, does not expect cigarette consumption to rise much in 1958.

Austrian cigarettes are mostly the modified oriental type with various percentages of U.S. or substitute light tobaccos included to produce a taste similar to the American-type blended cigarette. The most popular is the "Austria 3" brand which contains about 30 percent of U.S.-type tobacco. This is followed by the "Austria C" brand (about 35 percent U.S. types). Two filter brands, "Smart" (with 40 percent U.S. leaf) and "La Favorite" (straight oriental) increased sharply in 1957 but together still accounted for only 8 percent of sales.

Oriental leaf provides the major competition with exports of U.S. tobacco to this market. Imports from countries exporting primarily U.S. seed-types of tobacco rose from 1.5 million pounds in 1956 to 2.2 million in 1957.

Belgium and Luxembourg

Production of cigarettes in Belgium continues to climb. After rising from 8.7 billion pieces in 1952 to 9.5 billion in 1956, it increased to 10.5 billion in 1957. Output has been stimulated by economic conditions and strict price controls which have prevented cigarette prices from rising enough to curb consumer demand. Retail price regulations, however, by reducing operating margins, have forced Belgian manufacturers to use proportionately less U.S. leaf in blends by substituting cheaper U.S. seed-types grown in other countries.

The major type manufactured is a blend of U.S. and substitute flue-cured and Burley, with oriental and dark types of leaf. This "Belgian taste" cigarette is also produced in filter-tip brands. Output of filter-tips has risen rapidly in recent years but still comprises only a small portion of total cigarette output.

Denmark

Danish cigarette output rose slightly in 1957 to 4.1 billion pieces, despite an increase in retail prices during the year. Approximately 92 percent of the cigarettes manufactured are American-type blended, with 7 percent straight flue-cured and less than 1 percent oriental. Filter-tips comprise a relatively small proportion of total output.

There has been some resistance among Danish manufacturers to the prices paid for U.S. leaf. However, there is no definite trend toward the use of substitute tobaccos, and with manufacturers receiving a larger margin due to the 1957 price increase, price may not be as pressing a problem now as in recent years.

Finland

The first postwar reduction in cigarette use in Finland occurred in 1957. Output dropped to 5.3 billion pieces from the 5.8 billion manufactured in 1956, because of higher prices and lower consumer purchasing power. However, the proportion of U.S. tobacco used rose slightly from 42 to nearly 44 percent of total usings.

Consumption of American-type cigarettes reached 1.7 billion pieces in 1957, still well below the 3.7 billion domestic (primarily oriental) cigarettes used. Retail price increases in 1957 ranging from 40 to 50 percent because of 2 successive boosts in cigarette excise taxes, coincided with an economic downturn to reduce consumption. This is expected to reduce sales of both the American and domestic-type cigarettes in 1958.

France

French cigarette output, spurred by rising consumption, reached a new record of 43.0 billion pieces in 1957, compared with 41.2 billion in 1956. Sales of cigarettes containing light U.S. tobaccos gained significantly during the year but still account for a relatively small proportion of total output. The best-selling cigarette produced by the French Tobacco Monopoly is still the dark blend made with high percentages of domestic and colonial leaf. Use of light U.S. cigarette tobaccos in France is hampered by French shortage of dollars and the large supplies of domestic and colonial tobacco that must be used.

West Germany

Cigarette manufacturing in West Germany has increased rapidly in recent years in line with the expanding German economy. This, together with a general trend toward the consumption of light cigarettes, raised West German cigarette output from an average of 18.8 billion pieces in 1947-51 to 55.9 billion in 1957.

Germany, a highly industrialized nation, has been a large producer and consumer of cigarettes for many years. Before World War II, the straight oriental cigarette was the most popular type, accounting for about 97 percent of all cigarettes smoked. This changed in the immediate postwar period and the American-blended type cigarette, made with about 50 percent U.S. tobacco became the most popular smoke. However, from 1950-55 sales of oriental-type cigarettes recovered somewhat; sales have since declined slightly.

In 1957 the most popular cigarette in West Germany was still the American-blended type, although its percentage of the total market slipped from 65 percent in 1955 to 61 percent in 1957. During the same years, a German-blend similar to the American-blended type, increased sales from 10 to 15 percent of the total market. This blend contains less U.S. leaf and substitute leaf than the American-blended type.

This is made up by an additional 10 percent of oriental tobacco. The German-blend also differs in that it is unsweetened.

Practically all filter-tips sold are of the American-blended type. Use of filter-tips, which had risen rapidly through 1956 to 34 percent of the market, slowed down in the first part of 1957. However, during the last half of 1957 consumption of filters picked up sharply and accounted for 46 percent of total cigarette sales by March 1958.

During 1956 and 1957 there was a sharp increase in West German tobacco imports from major producers of substitute American seed-types-- primarily flue-cured and Burley. Stimulated by price and trade advantages, imports from these countries rose from 3.9 million pounds in 1955 to 11.4 million in 1957. However, the strong rise in consumption of both filter-tips and the German-blend cigarettes will tend to limit the usefulness of these tobaccos as both blends require flavorful leaf for the proper taste.

Ireland

Cigarette output in Ireland rose in 1957 to 5.8 billion pieces, compared with 5.6 billion in 1956. It did not, however, reach the 1955 record of 6.0 billion. Output dropped in 1956 after retail prices were raised in October of the preceding year. Retail prices were raised again in May of 1956, reflecting an increase in the tobacco tariff. Output will probably not rise much in 1958 as retail prices were again raised in February of 1958.

Irish cigarette output is primarily of the straight flue-cured type similar to those used in the United Kingdom. Irish manufacturers have complained that the price of U.S. tobacco is too high, but the leaf price is such a small fraction of cigarette costs that it is doubtful that there will be much sacrificing of quality for lower cost leaf. Also, attempts of Irish manufacturers to develop export outlets for cigarettes will make it necessary for them to use the best leaf available.

Italy

Output of cigarettes in Italy rose from 41.3 billion pieces in 1956 to 43.5 billion in 1957, continuing the upward trend of recent years. Italy, which produces and consumes a large quantity of cigarettes, is also a major leaf producer. The Italian Monopoly has attempted to supply as much as possible of the growing demand for lighter cigarettes from domestic tobacco. Production of light cigarette tobaccos, other than oriental, has risen significantly in Italy during the last decade to meet this demand. However, the quality of leaf produced does not at present fulfill all requirements. Therefore, it is necessary to import some high quality light tobacco from the United States, while at the same time disposing of lower qualities of the same types to other markets.

The long-term outlook for future imports of U.S. light cigarette tobaccos appears marginal in this market. Improvements in the quality of home-grown leaf, a severe surplus of local leaf, or a deterioration in the dollar position could deter future imports from the United States.

Netherlands

Output of cigarettes in the Netherlands, at 12.3 billion pieces in 1957, was about the same as a year earlier. Consumption, however, continued to rise as cigarette imports increased from 1.1 billion pieces in 1956 to 1.5 billion in 1957, mostly from Belgium.

In 1954, about 80 percent of the tobacco consumed as cigarettes in the Netherlands was of the light U.S. types; by 1957 this had declined to 55 to 60 percent. Most of this leaf had been replaced by substitutes for U.S. cigarette types. This, however, did not reduce significantly the actual quantity of U.S. leaf used, as the substitutes primarily made up the additional leaf required by expanding cigarette consumption. The outlook in the Netherlands is for increased cigarette output and consumption but without the United States sharing in the larger leaf requirements.

Norway

Cigarette output in Norway rose to 1.4 billion pieces in 1957, compared with 1.3 billion in 1956. Output in 1957 was only slightly above the previous record high of 1955.

Contrary to the pattern in many other countries, manufactured cigarette consumption in Norway is below that of smoking tobacco. However, much of the smoking tobacco sold is used in "roll-your-own" cigarettes.

No significant changes are expected in the Norwegian pattern of tobacco consumption in the immediate future. However, Norwegian manufacturers say that as they are allotted limited funds for tobacco purchases, they must purchase tobacco at the lowest prices possible. This has led to the use of slightly higher proportion of substitute tobaccos.

The percentage of U.S. tobacco used (withdrawn from bond) declined from 84 percent in 1955 to 80 percent in 1957, while use of substitute flue-cured and Burley leaf rose from about 7 percent in 1955 to 11 percent in 1957.

Portugal

Cigarette output in Portugal, at about 4.4 billion pieces in 1957, was about the same as in 1956. Prior to 1956 there had been a gradual rise.

The Portuguese Tobacco Monopoly is the leased type in which two companies have the exclusive right to manufacture and sell products. However, there is strict government control over retail prices and manufacturers are squeezed between the cost of U.S. tobaccos and the need to provide smokers with an acceptable cigarette.

Portugal, which has imported a substantial portion of its leaf from the United States for many years, took only 57 percent from the United States in 1957, compared with 68 percent in 1956. This was primarily because manufacturers felt they could not pay the higher going prices for U.S. Burley and flue-cured tobaccos. During 1957 an effort was made to use larger quantities of non-U.S. Burley from Italy.

This was not successful, and in 1958 Portugal is expected to return to larger leaf purchases from the United States. In the case of Burley, however, the industry is not likely to return to its prior policy of buying almost exclusively from the United States.

Spain

Spanish cigarette output rose from 16.1 billion pieces in 1956 to 16.8 billion in 1957, continuing the rapid rise that began in 1951. The trend is also toward lighter cigarettes in preference to other tobacco products.

Spain, hampered by a dollar shortage, had been able to purchase relatively little leaf from the United States before U.S. Public Law 480 became effective.

The Spanish Monopoly has obtained tobacco for lighter cigarettes by increasing production of light tobaccos and by shifting to lighter varieties of dark tobaccos.

Spain probably would import and use more U.S. leaf if it could be sure of a long-term improvement in its dollar reserves.

Sweden

Cigarette output in Sweden declined in 1957 to 4.9 billion pieces, compared with 5.1 billion in 1956. Most of the decline was in American-blended type cigarettes which dropped from 4.6 billion pieces in 1956 to 4.3 billion in 1957.

Output of American-blended type had risen gradually from 3.8 billion pieces in 1950 to a high of 4.7 billion pieces in 1955. Since then it has declined despite an upward trend in filter-tips.

Straight oriental cigarettes have also dropped sharply in the last few years. During 1955 and 1956, however, declines in American-blended and oriental cigarettes were more than made up by increased production of a modified American-type cigarette. This is primarily

an American blend with a higher than usual proportion of oriental leaf, somewhat similar to the modified oriental smoked in West Germany. Output of this blend rose from less than 100 million pieces in 1955 to 600 million in 1957.

Output of cigarettes will probably resume its gradual rise in 1958, with a probable need for more U.S. light cigarette tobaccos. This is especially true if the rising trend in filter-tips and modified American blends continues. Both of these blends need the more flavorful U.S. leaf to maintain the quality of the product. The Swedish Monopoly's policy is to provide quality tobacco to its consumers. This can best be supplied by the United States.

Switzerland

Cigarette output in Switzerland jumped from an average of 2.1 billion pieces during 1935-39 to 6.3 billion in 1947-51. Output has continued to rise in recent years to 9.0 billion pieces in 1957, stimulated by the growing demand for cigarettes in Switzerland's booming economy, and by large cigarette exports.

The Maryland-type cigarette is most popular in Switzerland, accounting for nearly 50 percent of total cigarette manufacture in 1957. Output of oriental-type cigarettes, the second most-popular type, rose from 1.3 billion pieces in 1950 to 2.1 billion in 1957. However, in the last year some consumer resistance to oriental-type cigarettes has been felt due to the prices which are higher than for most Swiss cigarettes. During the years 1950-57, production of the American blended-type cigarette has risen, but at a slower rate, to 1.1 billion pieces in 1957. Production of domestic and straight flue-cured types has declined. Switzerland, a market where quality is vital, imports about half of its tobacco requirements from the United States. There are no indications of a change in this pattern.

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is the largest producer of cigarettes in Western Europe and the second largest in the world, despite the extremely heavy tax load its tobacco products carry. Output moved up significantly from 1954 to 116.0 billion in 1955, then increased at a slower rate to 116.6 billion in 1956 and 117.0 billion in 1957.

The rate of increase in output has been impeded by a slackening in U.K. cigarette exports which are a very important part of the total market. Cigarettes for export (containing a higher proportion of U.S. leaf than those made for the home market) declined from about 17.9 to 15.7 billion pieces from 1956 to 1957. A recent tendency of U.K. cigarette manufacturers to build branches in areas overseas probably will reduce cigarette exports further.

Sales of U.S. leaf to the United Kingdom have not increased in proportion to increases in total usings. Imports from Commonwealth countries are supplying a growing share of this market due to restrictions which tend to deter imports of "dollar" tobacco.

Practically all of the cigarettes smoked in the United Kingdom are straight flue-cured blends with no casing. At one time the United States supplied nearly all of the leaf for these cigarettes. However, as increasing industrial development in the United States made U.K. earnings of dollars more difficult, the United Kingdom encouraged production of flue-cured tobacco in Commonwealth countries.

In recent years imports of U.S. leaf have supplied around 50 percent of total imports. This is probably near the minimum percentage of U.S. leaf that manufacturers can use and still maintain the smoke most consumers desire. There has been increasing resistance to Commonwealth attempts further to reduce the U.S. share and the improved dollar and gold position of the United Kingdom should encourage maintenance of the present proportion of U.S. leaf imports.

Summary

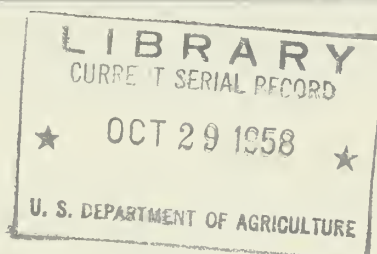
The foregoing shows that increases in cigarette output in Western Europe have been a major factor upholding U.S. exports of light cigarette leaf. The trend in Europe in recent years is to use a larger proportion of non-U.S. leaf in tobacco products due to foreign exchange problems, efforts at self-sufficiency or to bilateral trade. Under these conditions, only the increase in output of cigarettes and the trend toward light cigarettes or American blended-types has held up the demand for leaf from the United States.

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CANADIAN 1958 FLUE-CURED

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The 1958 flue-cured tobacco crop in Ontario, Canada is about 2 weeks later than normal because of unfavorable growing conditions prior to July 1, and yields are expected to be smaller than usual unless those conditions greatly improve.

Production may be about 155 million pounds, barring damage from early frost, or other unfavorable factors. This would compare with 162 million in 1957.

Ontario's 3,975 flue-cured growers planted about 118,200 acres this year, compared with 127,000 in 1957. Of the 1958 planting, 50,000 acres are in the Delcrest variety, 47,000 in Hicks, 20,000 in White Gold, and 1,200 acres are in other varieties. In addition to the Ontario flue-cured, there are about 5,000 acres planted to that leaf in Quebec Province.

Sucker Control

Buyers and growers are concerned about the use of Maleic Hydrazide for sucker control.

Preliminary results from the Delhi (Canada) Flue-Cured Tobacco Experiment Station indicates that the preparation adversely affects a number of properties of the cured leaf. The Station says it appears to decrease the filling power of the leaf (lowers the specific volume); changes significantly the sugar-alkaloid ratio (chiefly by significantly increasing the sugars); increases the moisture-holding capacity or absorption level of the tobacco and adversely affects the burning property. Its influence in changing the properties are much more pronounced on the middle and top leaves as compared to its effects on the bottom leaves or primings.

1/ This Circular is based upon first-hand observation in Ontario by Dr. James W. Birkhead, tobacco marketing specialist, Foreign Agricultural Service.

The results of the Canadian experiments in the use of Maleic Hydrazide are roughly in line with the findings in the United States. While these results are based on relatively limited research in both countries, they do indicate that Maleic Hydrazide use changes the physical and chemical composition of the cured leaf. This, in turn, influences the taste, smell and burning properties. Buyers in Canada have asked that the Ontario crop to be inspected to determine whether or not Maleic Hydrazide is used. They also ask that the crops on which it is used be identified when offered for sale.

Grower concern over problems related to use of sucker control chemicals such as Maleic Hydrazide is easily understandable when its influence on the cost of production is taken into account. The average size of flue-cured tobacco plantings in Ontario province is about 30 acres per farm and the labor to hand-sucker this amount of tobacco for several weeks is costly. The Ontario Flue-Cured Growers' Marketing Board is considering the problem.

TOBACCO: Distribution by size of flue-cured acreage per farm
in the Province of Ontario, Canada, 1958

	: Number : of Farms	: Percent of : Producing Farms
Regular growers' farms	:	:
Under 10 acres	: 143	: 3.6
11-19	: 471	: 11.8
20-29	: 821	: 20.7
30-39	: 854	: 21.5
40-49	: 566	: 14.2
Over 50 acres	: 1037	: 26.1
Farms with temporary allocations 1/	: 83	: 2.1
Total	: 3975	: 100.0

1/ This group have been given temporary allocations but have not fulfilled all of the provisions for full-fledged member acceptance.

Marketing System for Ontario Flue-Cured

All Ontario flue-cured leaf is sold by the Dutch Clock system in auction warehouses owned and operated by the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board.

In the winter of 1957-58, approximately 148 million pounds (farm sales weight) of leaf was sold in the 3 modern auction exchanges (warehouses) in Aylmer, Tillsonburg and Delhi. The Ontario Flue-Cured Growers' Marketing Board not only handles the actual auctions, but Board representatives measure the acreage of each grower and grade the leaf as it is delivered to the auction exchanges. The leaf, which is sold in bales, is handled efficiently by the most modern methods on the auction exchange floors. These warehouses are well-lighted and are equipped for controlling both temperature and humidity during the winter when the auctions are held.

The leaf of similar grade, although produced by a number of different farmers, is sold at one time as a unit of 30 bales (1950 pounds). This permits each auction exchange to handle as much as 700,00 to 800,000 pounds of tobacco per day. The cost per pound for marketing through these auction exchanges is low, partly because of the efficient methods of handling the leaf. But it is principally due to the large volume of tobacco (nearly 50 million pounds per auction floor in 1957) sold through each of the exchanges. This large volume per auction exchange keeps the administrative, and overhead or fixed costs per pound of leaf handled to a minimum.

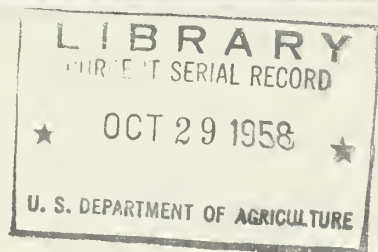
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TOBACCO HARVEST IN SECOND HALF OF 1958 TO BE DOWN SLIGHTLY IN NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

The total tobacco crop for harvest in the second half of 1958 in specified countries of the Northern Hemisphere is estimated at 6.04 billion pounds. This would be about 25 million pounds below 1957 production and about 3 percent below the 6.25-billion-pound harvest of 1956 in the same countries.

The greatest declines in 1958 production are in Yugoslavia, Japan, Greece, and Turkey. They more than offset with increases in the U.S., Canada, and Korea.

FORECAST BY AREA

North America

Leaf production in Canada, the United States, and Puerto Rico is estimated at a total of 1,926 million pounds, up 4 percent from the 1,852 million pounds harvested in 1957. The 1958 estimate however, is 19 percent below 1956 production and the 1950-54 average.^{1/}

The U.S. 1958 crop of all types is now estimated at 1,728 million pounds, compared with 1,661 million in 1957 and 2,176 million in 1956. Average 1950-54 production was 2,184 million pounds. The crop in Puerto Rico is estimated at 27 million pounds, about the same as 1957. Canadian leaf production is estimated at 171 million, up about 4 percent from the 165 million pounds harvested in 1957.

^{1/} Since last year's report of estimated production, a more recent 5-year post-war average for 1950-54 has been prepared to replace the 1947-51 average previously shown.

Europe

Western Europe's total crop is estimated at 640 million pounds, down 4 percent from the 668 million in 1957, but well above the 1956 crop and the 1950-54 average.

One of the most important changes from last year is an 11-percent drop in Greece, where production fell to 216 million pounds from the record harvest of 242 million pounds in 1957. The 1958 Greek crop is, however, almost 20 percent above the 1956 crop and some 69 percent above the 1950-54 average. In other countries of Western Europe production is down slightly.

In Eastern Europe, estimated 1958 production of Yugoslav leaf tobacco is 83 million pounds, down over 40 percent from the 140-million-crop in 1957, but still some 22 percent above the 1956 crop and 60 percent above the 1950-54 average. Production in other Eastern European countries is also expected to be slightly below the relatively good crop of 1957, but considerably above the 1950-54 average.

Africa

Tobacco crops in Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia are estimated as about the same as in 1957, but much above the poor crop of 1956. Although production in Algeria, the principal producing area, is about the same as last year, it is approximately 28 percent below the 1950-54 average.

Asia

Production for harvest during the last half of the calendar year in Cyprus, Iraq, and Lebanon is expected to be close to that of 1957. However, Lebanon's crop is estimated as 55 percent above 1956 and more than double the 1950-54 average.

Korean production is estimated at 67 million pounds, compared with 58 million in both 1956 and 1957.

The 1958 estimate for Japan is 294 million pounds, compared with 322 million in 1957, 335 million in 1956, and a 1950-54 average of 219 million. Mainland China has increased its acreage target for 1958 and if accomplished average yields would give a material increase in production.

FORECAST BY TYPE

Flue-cured

Flue-cured tobacco for harvest in the Northern Hemisphere during the last half of 1958 is estimated at 2,232 million pounds. This is a

little over 7 percent more than in 1957, but down 9 percent from 1956 and 4 percent below the 1950-54 average.

Compared with 1957, production in Canada is expected to be up slightly, while that in Japan will probably be 13 percent less.

The U.S. crop of flue-cured in 1958 is estimated at 1,054 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1957, but 26 percent below 1956 and 21 percent below the 1950-54 average. It is the second smallest crop since 1943--due largely to restricted acreage allotments.

LEAF TOBACCO: Estimated production by kind, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1958 with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Kinds	: Average : : 1950-54 :	1956	: 1957 2/ :	: 1958 2/ :
	: 1,000 :	1,000	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :
	: <u>pounds</u> :	<u>pounds</u>	: <u>pounds</u> :	: <u>pounds</u> :
Flue-cured.....	2,153,443	2,465,175	2,093,900	2,231,733
Burley.....	662,697	587,685	577,980	573,867
Other light air-cured...	199,917	193,649	206,840	200,562
Light sun-cured.....	598,989	672,157	666,809	664,719
Oriental & semi-oriental:	803,749	991,682	1,209,303	1,070,472
Dark air-cured.....	1,123,917	1,106,650	1,093,179	1,086,698
Dark sun-cured.....	84,115	106,346	106,029	106,206
Fire-cured.....	111,472	116,407	102,942	97,370
Total 3/.....	5,754,819	6,246,551	6,066,982	6,041,685

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above dry weight normally reported in manufacturing and export statistics. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Includes the following quantities produced in East Germany, not identified by kind: average 1950-54, 16,520 thousand pounds; 1956, 6,800 thousand pounds; 1957, 10,000 thousand pounds; 1958, 10,058 thousand pounds.

Burley

Burley production for harvest in the last half of 1958 is estimated at 574 million pounds. This is a slight decline (4 million pounds) from 1957, 2 percent below 1956 production and 13 percent below the 1950-54 average. The U.S. crop is currently estimated at 481 million pounds, compared with 488 million in 1957 and 506 million in 1956. U.S. production this year is expected to be 20 percent below the 1950-54 average of 600 million pounds.

Canada's Burley crop in 1958 is estimated at 11 million pounds, compared with 8 million in 1957, although some of Canada's allotted acres were not planted.

Leaf Tobacco: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/		Average		1958 2/	
	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/	1935-39	1950-54	1956	1957 2/
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
North America:												
Canada.....	69	109	128	136	1,103	1,353	1,274	1,205	76,556	147,552	161,940	164,865
United States.....	1,647	1,690	1,364	1,122	887	1,292	1,596	1,479	1,460,054	2,184,036	2,175,556	1,660,553
Puerto Rico.....	44	36	35	29	673	861	857	920	29,393	31,000	30,000	26,700
Total for countries shown...	1,760	1,835	1,527	1,287	1,553	---	---	---	1,566,003	2,362,588	2,367,496	1,852,118
Europe:												
Austria.....	1	1	1	1	---	---	1,517	1,514	1,509	---	1,161	1,354
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	6	5	3	3	2,500	2,139	2,078	2,569	2,300	10,052	5,470	5,725
France.....	44	71	71	69	1,676	1,684	1,723	2,078	1,997	119,009	123,369	140,695
Germany, West.....	33	26	26	22	2,254	2,230	1,912	2,068	2,045 3/	57,227	48,937	45,193
Greece.....	226	232	291	301	589	554	621	805	769	128,819	180,837	242,347
Italy.....	77	131	121	126	1,240	1,221	1,302	1,355	1,280	160,146	157,490	171,121
Spain.....	16	43	49	49	1,000	1,243	1,139	1,138	1,125	57,713	55,820	55,777
Sweden.....	1	1	4/	4/	1,735	1,610	2,125	2,325	2,125	673	833	850
Switzerland.....	1	3	3	3	1,571	1,760	1,520	1,460	2,276	4,471	4,378	3,968
Total West Europe.....	404	513	565	574	564	---	---	---	412,770	539,182	578,295	667,944
Albania.....	5	5	5	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bulgaria.....	106	230	222	232	716	522	522	714	75,871	120,150	117,000	172,000
Czechoslovakia.....	24	22	24	23	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Germany, East.....	17	10	10	10	1,288	933	919	957	31,143	20,282	22,046	22,000
Hungary.....	37	55	54	55	---	5/	1,097	1,000	---	6,800	6,800	10,000
Poland.....	25	54	82	76	1,240	848	1,150	1,000	45,872	46,477	62,046	55,000
Rumania.....	44	81	86	99	1,156	1,254	955	1,326	28,900	67,500	78,375	100,975
Yugoslavia.....	39	84	102	138	652	520	666	800	28,697	42,196	57,320	79,200
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia).....	490	528	479	520	1,071	913	1,019	942	525,000	482,000	488,000	490,000
Eastern Europe incl. U.S.S.R.	770	1,076	1,064	1,158 6/	1,129	---	---	---	776,975	851,832	904,290	1,073,770 5/
Total Europe.....	1,174	1,589	1,629	1,732	1,693	---	---	---	1,189,745	1,391,014	1,482,585	1,741,714
Africa:												
Algeria.....	56	79	36	70	691	612	490	504	38,667	48,068	17,640	35,280
Morocco.....	1	5	2	3	4,040	1,099	1,310	1,462	5,020	704	3,016	4,673
Tunisia.....	1	3	4	4	1,200	908	825	875	1,262	2,643	3,300	3,500
Total for countries shown...	58	87	42	77	78	---	---	---	40,633	55,731	23,956	43,453
Asia:												
Cyprus.....	1	4	4	4	285	429	375	425	226	1,717	1,458	1,700
Iran.....	35	46	53	55	51	684	598	573	28,329	31,465	31,526	27,999
Iraq.....	11	16	18	19	752	868	678	616	8,057	13,555	12,125	11,574
Lebanon.....	4	6	8	10	600	637	686	837	2,350	4,127	5,406	8,377
Syria.....	11	18	16	15	730	763	670	746	8,250	13,945	10,415	11,532
Turkey (Europe and Asia).....	194	343	432	428	661	628	587	618	128,505	215,796	253,439	264,552
China Mainland.....	1,311	1,418	1,790	1,840	1,890	984	930	935	1,338,639	1,396,000	1,665,000	1,720,000
Japan.....	92	146	189	179	1,621	1,504	1,773	1,797	148,680	219,495	335,046	322,147
Korea, South.....	46	45	49	51	1,239	1,086	1,182	1,133	57,304	49,386	57,927	58,289
Total for countries shown...	1,705	2,042	2,559	2,601	2,645	---	---	---	1,720,340	1,945,486	2,372,514	2,429,687
TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN...	4,697	5,553	5,757	5,697	5,669	---	---	---	4,516,721	5,754,819	6,246,551	6,066,692

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above average dry weight which is normally reported in export trade statistics. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ All Germany 1935-39. 4/ Less than 900 acres. 5/ Less than a 5-year average. 6/ Includes estimates for Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Germany East, Hungary, Poland, and Rumania.

Other Light Air-cured

Production for 1958 is estimated at 200 million pounds, down 3 percent from 1957 and about the same as the 1950-54 average.

The U.S. crop of Maryland is expected to be 32.4 million pounds, about the same as last year, but 11 percent below the 36.5 million pounds, in 1956 and almost 9 million pounds below the average for 1950-54.

Production in France is calculated to be about 130 million pounds--about 6 percent below last year, but 11 percent above 1950-54 average.

Light Sun-cured Tobacco (Except Oriental and Semi-oriental)

Production of this type of tobacco to be harvested the last half of 1958 is estimated at 665 million pounds, practically the same as in 1956 and 1957, but 11 percent above the 1950-54 average. Japan's production is expected to be 93.2 million pounds, down 5 percent from 1957 and about 14 percent lower than 1956.

The figures for Mainland China, the largest producer of light sun-cured, represent only rough estimates, as accurate reports are not available for that area.

Oriental and Semi-oriental Tobacco

Production of oriental and semi-oriental tobacco for harvest the last half of 1958 is estimated at 1,070 million pounds. This is approximately 11 percent below that in 1957 but well above the level of 1956. The 1958 estimate is 33 percent above the 1950-54 average and 48 percent above the 1935-39 average.

The biggest changes in production from last year are all decreases, with reductions of 37 percent in Yugoslavia, 13 percent in Iran, 11 percent in Greece, and 8 percent in Turkey. The only significant increase is a rise of 22 percent in production of semi-oriental in Syria, but Syria's production of oriental is about the same. The decrease in acreage and production in Yugoslavia is partly due to a late spring and adverse weather.

Dark Air-cured

Dark air-cured tobacco for harvest in the last half of 1958 is estimated at 1,087 million pounds. This is slightly below the 1,093 million in 1957 and 1,107 million in 1956. The prospective 1958 crop is 3 percent below the 1950-54 average.

U.S. cigar filler is estimated at 16 percent above last year, but about the same as the average of recent years. Decreases are expected in U.S. cigar binder, U.S. cigar wrapper, and U.S. One Sucker. Production estimates of dark air-cured in the other areas of the Northern Hemisphere indicate a slight increase in Italy, where the 1958 crop of cigar leaf is estimated at only one-fourth that of 1956 and one-sixth of the 1950-54 average. An 18-percent increase is estimated for dark tobacco other than cigar in Italy. Decreases are expected in Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Yugoslavia.

Dark Sun-cured

Dark sun-cured leaf for this harvest is estimated at 106 million pounds, the same as in 1956 and 1957. Production of this type has been 22 million pounds above the 1950-54 average for three straight years, this, however, is due to increasing the Foreign Agricultural Service's estimates for production in Mainland China (for which little data are available.)

Fire-cured

Fire-cured for harvest in the last of 1958 is estimated at 97 million pounds, compared with 103 million pounds in 1957 and 116 million pounds in 1956. The 1950-54 average was 111 million.

The largest drop is in U.S. production of Kentucky-Tennessee fire-cured leaf, forecast at 35 million pounds, compared with 42 million pounds in 1957, 60 million in 1956, and a 1950-54 average of 46 million pounds. U.S. production of Virginia fire-cured leaf is expected to be 7.9 million pounds, a decline of 8 percent from 1957.

Production of fire-cured leaf in other producing countries changed little. A rise of 7 percent in Italy is expected, although acreage was increased about 16 percent.

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LIGHT AIR-CURED BURLEY: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons -- farm sales weight /

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average: 1935-39		Average: 1950-54		Average: 1935-39		Average: 1950-54		Average: 1935-39		Average: 1950-54	
	1,000 acres	acres	1,000 acres	acres	1,000 acres	acres	1,000 acres	acres	1,000 pounds	pounds	1,000 pounds	pounds
North America:												
Canada.....	9	3	5	6	8	1,195	1,396	1,563	1,353	1,375	3,560	7,028
United States.....	372	434	310	306	303	839	1,383	1,635	1,592	1,587	599,846	506,395
Central America and Caribbean:												
Europe:												
Austria.....	--	1	1	1	1	--	1,493	1,483	1,489	1,490	1,287	875
Germany, West.....	--	6	8	9	10	--	2,285	2,186	2,239	2,239	13,119	16,936
Italy.....	2	6	8	6	6	2,200	2,397	2,423	2,716	2,287	4,600	19,390
Spain.....	12	22	22	22	22	1,334	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,090	15,873	24,467
Switzerland.....	1	1	1	1	1	1,760	1,437	1,437	1,437	1,400	694	664
Poland.....	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	175
Africa:												
Morocco.....	1	3	2	3	3	1,000	1,267	1,019	1,274	1,000	3,892	1,764
Asia:												
India.....	--	6	4	4	4	--	868	606	606	600	5,422	2,425
Japan.....	2	4	4	5	6	1,480	1,730	1,892	1,981	1,286	4,036	7,566
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN.....	388	474	365	363 ±1/2	364	--	--	--	--	--	338,343	662,697

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OTHER LIGHT AIR-CURED (INCLUDING MARYLAND): Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1956, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average : 1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average : 1956-58	Average : 1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average : 1956-58	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	
	1,000 : acres	1,000 : acres	1,000 : acres	1,000 : acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	
North America:												
United States:												
Continental												
Maryland.....	37	44	37	35	769	831	850	925	28,845	31,450	32,375	
Europe:												
France.....	40	68	66	64	1,665	1,714	1,777	2,040	65,700	121,775	130,071	
Germany, West.....	--	1	1	1	--	2,253	1,480	1,774	--	506	220	
Italy:												
Maryland.....	1	4	4	5	2,500	2,523	2,787	2,601	3,400	9,114	12,522	
Spain:												
Maryland.....	--	11	8	8	--	1,346	1,050	1,050	--	8,400	8,500	
Switzerland.....	1	4	4	4	900	800	1,000	1,000	1,557	1,000	1,000	
Czechoslovakia.....	1	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Hungary:												
Maryland.....	7	6	6	--	848	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	6,042	6,000	
Japan.....	6	5	5	6	1,504	1,550	1,668	1,728	8,924	9,301	9,890	
TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN:	79	147	138	128 15/	--	--	--	--	102,084	199,947	206,840 15/	
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LIGHT SUN-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1956, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average : 1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average : 1956-58	Average : 1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average : 1956-58	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	
	1,000 : acres	1,000 : acres	1,000 : acres	1,000 : acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	1,000 : pounds	
Africa:												
Algeria.....	20	46	34	34	660	612	588	588	13,000	20,462	20,000	
Asia:												
China, Mainland 6/.....	491	465	525	525	1,022	984	1,000	1,000	501,818	525,000	525,000	
Japan.....	44	53	55	52	1,621	1,615	1,784	1,795	71,366	98,190	93,198	
Korea, South:												
Native.....	31	30	22	22	1,145	915	1,074	1,203	35,465	23,157	26,521	
TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN:	586	594	625	633	--	--	--	--	621,649	666,809	664,719	
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ORIENTAL AND SEMI-ORIENTAL: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average : 1956 : 1,000 : Acres		Average : 1957 : 1,000 : Acres		Average : 1958 : 1,000 : Acres		Average : 1959 : 1,000 : Acres		Average : 1960 : 1,000 : Acres		Average : 1961 : 1,000 : Acres	
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Europe:												
Greece.....	226	232	291	300	280	589	554	621	769	803	128,308	216,012
Italy.....	40	62	56	60	64	733	726	798	745	778	45,032	47,553
Bulgaria.....	106	218	210	220	106	716	503	505	727	727	109,679	160,000
Czechoslovakia.....	10	7	7	6	6	630	700	571	667	667	4,750	4,000
Hungary.....	7	19	18	19	19	1,714	848	1,222	947	947	16,266	18,000
Poland.....	3	4	4	4	4	771	750	700	1,000	1,000	3,000	4,000
Romania.....	37	76	74	85	109	659	475	700	849	849	24,392	51,820
Yugoslavia.....	35	75	95	130	109	940	604	647	983	983	32,920	61,508
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia).....	240	249	254	254	254	1,070	615	866	874	874	257,000	222,000
Africa:												
Norocco.....	---	---	3/	3/	---	---	---	1,323	1,323	---	---	7
Asia:												
Cyprus.....	---	---	4	4	4	---	425	375	425	425	1,700	1,700
Latakia and Famigat.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Iran.....	15	38	44	41	37	698	603	559	597	597	22,616	24,471
Iraq.....	1/	6	7	7	7	---	868	693	693	693	5,422	4,574
Lebanon.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shak al Bent.....	2	1/	1	1	1	290	602	603	895	895	153	1,014
Latakia and other 1/.....	2	6	7	8	8	785	646	691	862	862	3,885	6,895
Syria.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oriental.....	5	8	2	2	2	866	794	648	638	638	4,330	1,426
Semi-oriental and Hasenkeyf.....	5	9	13	12	12	620	635	715	788	788	5,719	8,480
Turkey.....	193	342	430	426	430	663	627	586	617	617	128,119	263,052
Grand Total.....	226	1,358	1,517	1,574	1,534	---	---	---	---	---	721,039	1,234,343

See footnotes at end of circular.

DARK AIR-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average		Average		Average		Average		Average		Average	
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1956	1957	1958	1959	1956	1957	1958	1959
	acres	acres	acres	acres	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
North America:												
Canada												
Cigar.....	4	3	3	3	1,268	1,174	1,333	1,000	3,842	3,797	3,897	4,000
Other.....	5	2	2	2	1,060	998	1,000	1,000	2,203	2,372	1,109	1,100
United States												
One Sucker.....	15	13	10	9	844	1,618	1,416	1,481	18,959	18,115	13,873	12,882
Green River.....	21	8	5	4	838	1,545	1,265	1,350	15,788	9,267	5,946	5,670
Cigar filler.....	42	36	33	33	1,273	1,558	1,384	1,621	53,575	54,768	45,822	53,000
Cigar binder.....	34	32	19	16	1,462	1,763	1,736	1,661	47,836	33,513	28,190	25,740
Cigar wrapper.....	10	13	13	13	955	1,162	1,437	1,357	9,108	17,162	18,830	17,370
Perique.....	3/	3/	3/	3/	454	600	675	675	192	155	156	148
Puerto Rico.....	44	36	29	29	673	861	935	935	29,393	31,000	26,700	27,100
Europe:												
Austria.....	—	3/	3/	3/	—	1,762	1,647	1,650	—	253	287	306
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	6	5	3	3	2,500	2,139	2,569	2,300	16,431	5,470	6,559	5,725
France.....	4	3	3	3	1,800	844	892	892	7,295	1,594	2,438	2,205
Germany, West												
Cigar-Havana & Guerdentheimer.....	14	11	10	10	—	2,365	2,502	2,502	41,000	32,578	25,353	25,159
Other.....	1	—	—	—	—	2,532	—	—	33,355	—	—	—
Italy												
Cigar.....	1	4	3	3	1,500	1,542	1,565	1,481	1,600	4,694	743	1,102
Other.....	6	15	16	19	1,378	1,404	1,368	1,440	8,900	21,894	26,109	30,689
Spain												
Valencia & Sante Fe.....	19	16	17	17	—	1,360	1,311	1,218	14,322	25,837	21,040	20,700
Cigar.....	1	1	1	1	—	1,156	1,470	1,325	981	1,054	948	1,000
Sweden.....	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Switzerland.....	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1,061	383	530	500
Northern, Brenta, Monte.....	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Albania.....	5	5	5	5	1,000	1,760	2,012	2,000	1,000	1,744	1,424	1,400
Czechoslovakia.....	12	15	16	16	800	1,000	1,000	—	4,082	5,000	5,000	—
Hungary.....	30	20	20	20	1,600	969	1,063	—	23,357	17,046	17,000	—
Poland.....	13	13	13	13	1,062	1,152	1,050	—	16,266	23,046	21,000	—
Romania.....	7	5	12	14	1,178	1,742	1,893	2,035	15,317	28,400	28,500	—
Yugoslavia.....	4	9	8	8	615	1,200	458	500	4,305	5,500	7,000	—
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	230	264	244	244	1,075	1,200	1,024	1,024	247,000	313,000	250,000	250,000
Mahorka.....	20	15	22	22	1,050	1,000	818	818	21,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Africa:												
Algeria.....	29	31	35	35	750	612	415	403	21,667	19,227	14,113	14,000
Morocco												
Snuff.....	1	3/	3/	3/	—	1,128	1,837	1,837	821	22	22	22
Other.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,267	2,267	—	1,212	1,367	1,364
Tunisia												
Arbi.....	2	1	1	1	—	652	—	—	902	1,421	2,300	2,300
Soufri.....	1	1	1	1	—	1,672	—	—	360	1,222	1,200	1,200
Asia:												
Iran												
Tumbeki (water pipe).....	6	11	11	11	571	—	855	400	3,428	4,277	4,409	4,189
Syria												
Tombac.....	1	1	1	1	800	811	757	1,015	820	769	595	600
Lebanon												
Tombac.....	—	3/	3/	3/	—	420	715	1,036	—	89	468	500
Turkey (Europe and Asia).....	1	3/	3/	3/	—	250	250	250	—	386	511	500
China, Mainland.....	501	413	570	570	1,026	983	842	842	514,003	406,236	480,000	480,000
TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN	1,058	1,003	1,073	1,125	—	—	—	—	1,233,917	1,106,650	1,093,174	1,056,652

See footnote at end of circular.

DARK SUN-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	1956	1957 2/
	1935-39	1950-54	1,000	1,000	1,000	1935-39	1950-54	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
North America:												
United States:												
Africa:	3	4	3	3	3	844	1,003	1,030	1,030	1,100	3,589	2,678
Continental:												
Algeria:	7	2	1	1	1	660	612	300	400	400	961	705
Asia:												
Iran:												
Pipe:	14	6	4	3	3	1,040	889	700	882	882	14,553	2,646
China, Mainland:	86	75	95	95	95	1,021	986	1,053	1,053	1,053	87,818	100,000
TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN:	110	87	103	102	102	--	--	--	--	--	109,160	106,029

See footnotes at end of circular.

FIRE-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified North Temperate Zone Countries, harvested in the second half of calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	1956	1957 2/
	1935-39	1950-54	1,000	1,000	1,000	1935-39	1950-54	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
North America:												
United States:												
Virginia:	23	10	9	7	6	810	1,178	1,260	1,245	1,300	11,659	8,590
Kentucky-Tennessee:	105	40	38	29	24	813	1,144	1,554	1,410	1,472	45,773	41,906
Europe:												
Italy:	25	27	20	19	22	1,756	1,450	1,477	1,564	1,469	39,784	29,533
Sweden:	--	4/	4/	4/	4/	--	--	--	--	--	256	350
Poland:	4	10	18	15	15	1,300	1,400	889	1,493	1,493	14,000	22,400
TOTAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES SHOWN:	157	87	85	70 1/2	69	--	--	--	--	--	111,472	102,942 1/2

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above average dry weight, which is normally reported in Statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Less than 500 acres.

4/ Not available.

5/ Includes estimates for Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Rumania.

6/ Includes some partially fire-cured.

7/ Includes some sun-cured that is partially fire-cured.

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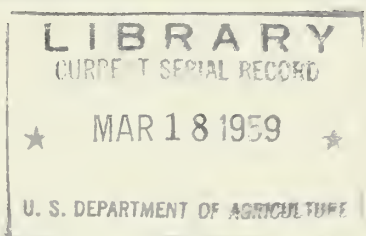
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ABOUT \$146 MILLION WORTH OF TOBACCO PROGRAMMED

UNDER TITLE I, P.L. 480 AS OF JUNE 30, 1958

Sale of approximately \$146 million worth, or about 200 million pounds of tobacco had been provided for under Title I of Public Law 480 as of June 30, 1958. The total includes sales through 49 agreements with 21 countries since the beginning of the Public Law 480 program in 1954-55.

Table 1. -- Tobacco: Sales agreements under Title I, Public Law 480 as of June 30, 1958

Country	Estimated Quantity	Value
	Million pounds	Million dollars
Austria.....	7.3	4.8
Brazil.....	.3	.6
Burma.....	4.1	3.1
Chile.....	.4	.3
China (Taiwan).....	4.0	3.4
Colombia.....	.5	.5
Ecuador.....	.8	.7
Finland.....	15.4	9.4
France.....	11.1	6.6
Iceland.....	.8	.9
India.....	6.0	6.0
Indonesia.....	25.5	15.5
Israel.....	.9	.6
Italy.....	19.3	14.9
Japan.....	9.8	7.8
Korea.....	8.5	6.7
Pakistan.....	5.8	4.9
Spain.....	15.6	11.5
Thailand.....	5.4	4.1
United Kingdom.....	52.9	38.0
Vietnam.....	7.7	5.8
Total.....	202.1	146.1

Table 2. -- Tobacco: Title I, Public Law 480 agreements signed, but shipments not completed as of October 31, 1958

Country	Value	Purchase Authorization		
	Million dollars	Number	End of contracting period	End of shipping period
Brazil.....	.32	28-15	November 29, 1958	December 31, 1958
Burma.....	.37	33-15	November 30, 1958	December 31, 1958
Burma.....	1.00	33-13	May 30, 1959	June 30, 1959
Finland.....	3.00	18-17	June 30, 1958	December 31, 1958
France.....	2.00	27-05	November 29, 1958	December 31, 1958
Iceland.....	.40	40-18	November 30, 1958	December 31, 1958
India.....	2.74	39-14	May 30, 1959	June 30, 1959
Vietnam.....	6.00	45-01	May 30, 1959	June 30, 1959

Table 3. -- Tobacco: Percentages by type exported under Public Law 480 as of June 30, 1958, compared with total tobacco exports for selected periods

Periods	Flue-cured	Burley	Dark-fired : Ky.-Tenn.	Dark-fired : Virginia	All cigar	All other
1935-39 Average...	74.4	2.5	11.6	2.2	.3	9.0
1947-51 Average...	79.8	6.7	5.1	1.2	2.0	5.2
1954-55 Average...	83.6	6.1	4.3	.8	1.1	4.1
1955-56 Average...	85.0	5.2	4.0	.9	.8	4.1
1956-57 Average...	82.2	5.7	4.7	.8	1.4	5.2
1957-58 Average...	82.5	4.6	4.7	1.1	1.9	5.2
Public Law 480						
as of June 30,						
1958.....	81.6	8.7	7.8	.5	.3	1.1

Table 4. -- Tobacco, Unmanufactured: U. S. exports under Public Law 480, by types and countries of destination, from the beginning of the program, January 1955 through June 30, 1958

Country	(Declared weight)																			
	Flue-cured		Burley		Dark-fired Ky.-Tenn.		Dark-fired Virginia		Maryland		Green River		One Sucker		Cigar		Total			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars	pounds	dollars
Austria.....	4,686	2,858	1,678	900	229	185	547	476					284	378			7,424	4,797		
Brazil.....															121	243			121	243
Burma.....	2,375	1,647															2,375	1,647		
Chile.....	271	212	52	37	1	1											324	250		
China (Taiwan)...	2,006	1,722															2,006	1,722		
Colombia 1/.....	33	38	21	23					2	2							55	63		
Ecuador.....	272	211	148	118													420	329		
Finland.....	8,741	4,982	2,093	1,190	472	140	97	43					296	127			11,699	6,482		
France.....	870	650	484	390	6,946	3,373	157	124									8,457	4,537		
Iceland 1/.....	265	273	174	181	53	9			11	12							503	475		
India.....	3,312	3,187	5	5			14	11									5	3,333	3,208	
Indonesia.....	23,097	13,979	48	17	878	538					55	20					24,078	14,554		
Israel.....	847	547															847	547		
Italy.....	4,947	4,193	3,200	2,622	3,750	2,896											11,897	9,711		
Japan.....	8,055	6,662	1,736	1,165													9,791	7,827		
Korea.....	8,237	6,506	249	223													8,486	6,729		
Pakistan.....	5,779	4,818															5,779	4,818		
Spain.....	7,414	6,217	5,022	4,123	968	258			1,560	730	15	4			73	121	15,052	11,453		
Thailand.....	5,441	4,047															5,441	4,047		
United Kingdom...	52,905	38,074															52,905	38,074		
Total.....	139,553	100,823	14,910	10,994	13,297	7,400	815	654	1,573	744	70	24	296	127	480	747	170,994	121,513		

1/ The value of the leaf content of tobacco products authorized to be sold to these countries was financed under Public Law 480.

During each of the past 4 fiscal years (1955-58), agreements have been signed providing for the sale of 54 million, 66 million, 35.3 million and 40 million pounds of tobacco, respectively. Shipments of tobacco under Public Law 480 as of June 30, 1958, totaled about 171 million pounds.

Congress recently authorized the extension of Public Law 480 for 18 months from June 30, 1958. It also authorized \$2.25 billion additional funds to operate the program. Agreements providing for sale of tobacco are expected to be signed during the extension period.

A part of the foreign currencies derived from sales under Title I of Public Law 480 are used for promoting markets abroad for U.S. tobacco and other agricultural commodities. Such development projects are carried out cooperatively by the Foreign Agricultural Service and U.S. and foreign trade groups.

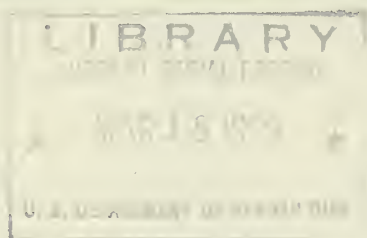
Projects undertaken to date have included: (1) promotional programs to help advertise and expand the consumption of tobacco products which contain U.S. leaf in Japan, France, and Thailand; (2) projects providing for the visit of key tobacco officials from Finland, France, Austria, Thailand, Japan, Korea, and Malaya to observe U.S. methods of processing, manufacturing and distributing tobacco and tobacco products; (3) research studies in France, Japan, Spain, Italy, Finland, Burma, and Pakistan; and (4) other projects include training of research personnel and participation in international trade fairs.

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WORLD TOBACCO PRODUCTION DROPS

World tobacco production dropped in 1958 for the second consecutive year. The total harvested was 8,269 million pounds - down 354 million pounds from the 8,623 million in 1957.

Production in the United States (November estimates, all tobacco) increased 103 million pounds. This tended to offset drops in other world areas. The major decreases were in Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, France, Greece, Bulgaria, Poland, Yugoslavia, Turkey, India, Indonesia, Algeria, Japan, Rumania and Pakistan. The more important increases, in addition to the United States, were in Canada, Mexico, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, the Union of South Africa, Italy, and the Republics of Korea and of the Philippines.

Trends in Production by Kind: World tobaccos are grouped into 8 major categories - flue-cured, Burley, other light air-cured (including Maryland), light sun-cured (excluding oriental and semi-oriental), oriental and semi-oriental, dark air-cured, dark sun-cured, and fire-cured. The groupings are primarily on the basis of inherent characteristics due to genetics or breeding and the method of curing. These largely determine the uses of each particular kind of leaf. The production of light types of tobaccos (for cigarettes) has risen over a period of years while that of dark air-cured tobaccos has declined.

Flue-cured: World production of flue-cured tobacco in 1958 increased to 2,860 million pounds - 148 million pounds above the 2,712 million in 1957 but below the 3,071 million-pound record crop of 1956.

Flue-cured production in the United States, estimated at 1,080 million pounds, was 105 million pounds above the 1957 crop, but well below the 1,423 million-pound crop of 1956.

TOBACCO: Estimated world production by kind of tobacco, harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Kinds	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 <u>2/</u>	1958 <u>2/</u>
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Flue-cured.....	2,541,616:	3,071,336:	2,711,763:	2,860,371
Burley.....	674,351:	602,428:	599,320:	603,187
Other light air- cured.....	102,670:	94,636:	94,906:	100,096
Oriental and semi- oriental.....	813,278:	999,068:	1,232,627:	1,057,580
Light sun-cured.....	739,809:	823,606:	807,891:	764,082
Dark air-cured.....	1,998,404:	2,005,117:	2,076,852:	1,890,505
Dark sun-cured.....	770,020:	918,146:	940,402:	842,953
Fire-cured.....	142,581:	150,319:	141,287:	133,636
TOTAL.....	<u>3/</u> 7,811,216: <u>4/</u>	8,677,728: <u>5/</u>	8,623,873: <u>6/</u>	8,269,110

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above dry weight normally reported in manufacturing and export statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Includes 1,466 thousand pounds for Libya, 4,806 thousand pounds for Israel, 16,520 thousand pounds for East Germany, 1,091 thousand pounds for French Equatorial Africa, and 4,604 thousand pounds for Belgian Congo which are not identified by kinds.

4/ Includes 3,172 thousand pounds for Libya, 3,100 thousand pounds for Israel, 6,800 thousand pounds for East Germany which are not identified by kinds.

5/ Includes 3,000 thousand pounds for Libya, 3,700 thousand pounds for Israel, and 12,125 thousand pounds for East Germany which are not identified by kinds.

6/ Includes 3,000 thousand pounds for Libya, 3,700 thousand pounds for Israel and 10,000 thousand pounds for East Germany which are not identified by kinds.

Canada's flue-cured crop is estimated at 161 million pounds - 10 million pounds above the 1957 crop. Production in Rhodesia and Nyasaland was 156 million pounds compared with 149 million in 1957 and 178 million pounds in 1956. Production of flue-cured tobacco in Brazil in 1958 jumped to 103 million pounds from 74 million in 1957 and 64 million pounds in 1956. The 5-year average (1950-54) production for this type of leaf in Brazil was slightly less than 48 million pounds.

Production of flue-cured leaf in the Philippines continued sharply upward. The 1958 production was 70 million pounds compared with 59 million in 1957, 48 million in 1956 and an average of only 2 million pounds per year during the 1950-54 period.

Flue-cured production in 1958 in the Union of South Africa was 31 million pounds compared with 25 million in 1957 and 20 million pounds in 1956. Production of this type of leaf in Korea increased to 40 million pounds - 5 million above the 1957 level. There was an increase of 3 million pounds in Indonesia, and Australian flue-cured production in 1958 was 11.5 million pounds compared with 9.7 million in 1957.

Other notable changes in the 1958 production were the decreases in Argentina, Venezuela, Poland, Taiwan, India, Japan and Thailand.

Burley: Total world production of Burley tobacco in 1958 was 603 million pounds, almost the same as was produced in both 1957 and in 1956.

Burley production in the United States in 1958 was 487 million pounds compared with 488 in 1957. Canada's Burley crop was 10 million pounds - up 25 percent from 1957. Other significant changes were increases of 3 million pounds in Cuba, 1 million in Morocco, 1.4 million in Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and 2.5 million in Japan. The important decreases were in Venezuela (3.5 million pounds), and Argentina (0.8 million pounds).

Other Light Air-cured (Including Maryland): Production of other light air-cured (including Maryland) was 100 million pounds in 1958 compared with about 95 million in 1957. Production of Maryland leaf in the United States was up slightly with the 1958 crop at 32.4 million pounds compared with 31.5 million in 1957. The 1958 crop, however, was 11 percent below the 36.5 million pounds produced in 1956.

Italy increased the production of this type of tobacco to 14.6 million pounds in 1958 compared with 12.5 million in 1957 and 10.1 million in 1956.

The Union of South Africa produced 8.2 million pounds compared with 5.6 million in 1957 and 4.0 million pounds in 1956. Production in Madagascar was 9.0 million pounds - about the same as in 1957.

Oriental and Semi-Oriental: Total world production of oriental and semi-oriental tobacco in 1958 was 1,058 million pounds, down 14 percent from 1957, but well above the poor crop of 1956 and 30 percent above the 1950-54 annual average of 813 million pounds. Turkey's production, due to lower yields, was only 241 million pounds compared with 263 million in 1957 and 252 million pounds in 1956. Greece had a total production of 178 million pounds - the smallest crop since 1954 - compared with 234 million in 1957. The harvested acreage in Greece in 1958 was 7 percent smaller than in 1957.

Bulgaria's production is believed to have declined in 1958. Crops in Yugoslavia, Poland and Iran were also smaller than in 1957.

LEAF TOBACCO: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1956	1957 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/
	1950-54	acres	acres	1950-54	Pounds	Pounds	1950-54	pounds	pounds
North America:									
Canada.....	109	128	136	1,353	1,274	1,205	1,293	161,940	164,865
Mexico.....	88	73	90	902	900	820	879	66,138	73,634
United States.....	1,690	1,364	1,122	1,292	1,596	1,479	1,621	2,175,556	1,660,553
Puerto Rico.....	36	35	29	861	857	827	897	30,000	24,000
Costa Rica.....	3	3	6	743	893	541	534	2,500	3,246
El Salvador.....	3	3	3	470	530	720	688	1,586	1,964
Guatemala.....	7	7	7	608	486	506	429	3,100	3,250
Honduras.....	14	9	12	507	670	669	712	5,820	7,917
Nicaragua.....	2	3	3	906	808	661	667	2,426	1,984
Panama.....	2	1	1	585	700	700	700	712	701
Cuba.....	145	143	148	562	712	775	782	102,050	115,404
Dominican Republic.....	47	50	55	867	838	831	735	41,897	45,683
Haiti.....	4	2/	2/	821	3/	3/	3/	1,500	1,500
Jamaica.....	2	2	3	753	700	411	688	750	1,234
Total North America.....	2,152	1,831	1,615	1,590	---	---	---	2,593,975	2,105,935
South America:									
Argentina.....	90	92	112	842	929	835	654	85,479	93,475
Bolivia.....	3	3	3	734	700	700	700	2,100	2,100
Brazil.....	397	459	470	676	689	673	636	316,424	316,424
Chile.....	8	7	7	1,736	1,910	1,768	1,721	13,226	11,388
Colombia.....	50	51	54	986	1,498	1,535	1,821	80,909	82,893
Paraguay.....	18	14	13	952	867	1,017	962	12,125	13,227
Peru.....	8	7	7	935	1,122	1,125	1,100	8,417	8,155
Uruguay.....	1	1	2	1,012	1,360	630	630	1,058	900
Venezuela.....	13	9	7	913	1,190	1,890	1,302	10,238	12,963
Total South America.....	538	643	675	672	---	---	---	529,976	541,527
Europe:									
Austria.....	1	1	1	1,517	1,514	1,906	1,656	1,161	1,649
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	5	3	3	2,102	2,078	2,569	2,463	5,470	6,559
France.....	71	71	68	1,684	1,733	2,060	1,691	123,369	140,695
Germany, West.....	26	26	21	2,230	1,912	2,238	2,150	48,937	47,197
Greece.....	232	291	301	554	621	779	633	180,887	234,589
Italy.....	131	121	126	1,221	1,302	1,355	1,346	157,490	171,121
Spain.....	43	49	49	1,343	1,139	1,138	1,125	55,820	55,777
Sweden.....	1	5/	5/	1,610	2,125	2,325	2,125	833	930
Switzerland.....	3	3	3	1,760	1,520	1,870	1,865	4,471	5,523
Total West Europe.....	513	565	572	558	---	---	---	578,345	664,010
Other:									
Albania.....	5	5	---	1,000	1,000	---	---	5,000	---
Bulgaria.....	230	222	---	522	522	---	---	117,000	---
Czechoslovakia.....	22	24	---	933	919	---	---	20,282	---

Germany, East.....	17 :	10 :	972 :	680 :	16,520 :	6,800 :	— :	— :	— :
Hungary.....	55 :	54 :	848 :	1,150 :	46,477 :	62,046 :	— :	— :	— :
Poland.....	54 :	82 :	1,254 :	955 :	67,500 :	78,375 :	114,639 :	89,148 :	89,148 :
Romania.....	81 :	86 :	99 :	87 :	62,196 :	57,320 :	79,200 :	59,000 :	59,000 :
Yugoslavia.....	84 :	102 :	139 :	131 :	51,707 :	67,703 :	139,595 :	85,979 :	85,979 :
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia).....	528 :	463 :	520 :	913 :	482,000 :	471,896 :	500,000 :	500,000 :	500,000 :
Eastern Europe including U.S.S.R. ..	1,076 :	1,048 : 7/	1,156 : 7/	1,146 :	888,900 : 7/	1,106,559 : 7/	975,127 :	975,127 :	975,127 :
Total Europe.....	1,589 :	1,613 :	1,728 :	1,704 :	1,391,014 :	1,467,245 :	1,770,599 :	1,561,860 :	1,561,860 :
Africa:									
Algeria.....	79 :	36 :	70 :	612 :	413 :	14,863 :	28,417 :	22,266 :	22,266 :
Libya.....	1 :	2 :	2 :	1,837 :	1,300 :	3,172 :	3,000 :	3,000 :	3,000 :
Morocco.....	4 :	2 :	4 :	1,099 :	1,310 :	3,016 :	4,673 :	5,979 :	5,979 :
Tunisia.....	3 :	4 :	4 :	908 :	617 :	2,643 :	3,306 :	3,306 :	3,306 :
Angola.....	3 :	7 :	7 :	495 :	463 :	1,015 :	3,086 :	3,527 :	3,527 :
Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi.....	9 :	9 :	10 :	515 :	517 :	4,850 :	5,291 :	5,731 :	5,731 :
Cameroon.....	5 :	10 :	10 :	575 :	446 :	2,775 :	4,409 :	4,409 :	4,409 :
French Equatorial Africa.....	3/ :	6 :	7 :	3/ :	515 :	1,091 :	3,968 :	3,968 :	3,968 :
Kenya.....	1 :	1 :	1 :	721 :	700 :	564 :	600 :	600 :	600 :
Mauritius.....	1 :	1 :	1 :	1,435 :	1,593 :	811 :	892 :	966 :	966 :
Madagascar.....	19 :	17 :	19 :	504 :	508 :	8,543 :	11,052 :	10,700 :	10,700 :
Mozambique.....	5 :	8 :	7 :	414 :	470 :	3,210 :	3,300 :	3,300 :	3,300 :
Nigeria.....	38 :	61 :	61 :	639 :	483 :	29,483 :	30,750 :	21,059 :	21,059 :
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	299 :	311 :	323 :	489 :	675 :	209,717 :	180,580 :	194,041 :	194,041 :
Tanganyika.....	15 :	14 :	15 :	306 :	362 :	4,591 :	5,066 :	4,984 :	5,861 :
Uganda.....	8 :	9 :	12 :	380 :	439 :	2,929 :	4,312 :	5,996 :	5,400 :
Union of South Africa.....	74 :	82 :	83 :	595 :	529 :	44,172 :	55,470 :	54,480 :	54,480 :
Total Africa.....	564 :	580 :	636 :	688 :	— :	302,345 :	344,784 :	350,428 :	358,637 :
Asia:									
Cyprus.....	4 :	4 :	4 :	451 :	374 :	1,710 :	1,497 :	1,923 :	1,700 :
Iran.....	46 :	53 :	55 :	684 :	598 :	31,465 :	31,658 :	31,526 :	27,999 :
Iraq.....	16 :	18 :	19 :	868 :	674 :	13,555 :	12,125 :	11,574 :	11,700 :
Israel.....	3/ :	7 :	8 :	3/ :	443 :	4,806 :	3,100 :	3,700 :	3,700 :
Jordan.....	3/ :	9 :	9 :	304 :	399 :	3/ :	3,715 :	3,688 :	3,688 :
Lebanon.....	6 :	8 :	10 :	637 :	686 :	4,127 :	5,406 :	6,944 :	6,944 :
Syria.....	18 :	16 :	17 :	763 :	670 :	13,945 :	10,415 :	13,170 :	15,035 :
Turkey (Europe and Asia).....	343 :	432 :	428 :	587 :	618 :	215,796 :	253,439 :	264,552 :	242,506 :
China, Mainland.....	1,418 :	1,790 :	1,840 :	984 :	930 :	1,665,000 :	1,720,000 :	1,693,133 :	1,693,133 :
Burma.....	129 :	133 :	138 :	795 :	653 :	102,258 :	86,845 :	107,780 :	107,072 :
Ceylon.....	14 :	15 :	15 :	510 :	580 :	7,018 :	8,700 :	7,900 :	7,900 :
China, Taiwan.....	15 :	20 :	24 :	1,633 :	1,638 :	20,034 :	33,545 :	41,303 :	38,558 :
India.....	849 :	1,013 :	1,029 :	670 :	652 :	568,516 :	660,760 :	658,560 :	564,500 :
Indonesia.....	345 :	407 :	414 :	421 :	334 :	145,322 :	136,097 :	161,994 :	139,578 :
Japan.....	146 :	189 :	179 :	1,504 :	1,773 :	1,827 :	335,046 :	322,147 :	304,852 :
Korea, South.....	45 :	49 :	52 :	1,086 :	1,182 :	49,386 :	57,927 :	58,289 :	66,645 :
Pakistan.....	180 :	239 :	232 :	948 :	1,096 :	170,320 :	262,000 :	234,000 :	202,000 :
Philippines.....	109 :	136 :	199 :	501 :	566 :	54,407 :	76,995 :	105,137 :	110,579 :
Thailand.....	96 :	138 :	144 :	389 :	378 :	34,793 :	53,630 :	54,440 :	51,490 :
Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia.....	32 :	43 :	43 :	648 :	712 :	20,350 :	30,600 :	31,000 :	31,000 :
Total Asia.....	3,811 :	4,719 :	4,859 :	4,737 :	— :	3,073,303 :	3,728,500 :	3,841,199 :	3,630,888 :
Oceania:									
Australia.....	7 :	11 :	12 :	849 :	592 :	6,011 :	6,515 :	9,661 :	11,500 :
New Zealand.....	4 :	3 :	3 :	1,280 :	1,577 :	4,652 :	4,733 :	4,464 :	4,451 :
Total Oceania.....	11 :	14 :	15 :	— :	— :	10,663 :	11,248 :	14,125 :	15,151 :
Total for all countries shown.....	8,715 :	9,390 :	9,528 :	9,408 :	— :	7,811,216 :	8,677,728 :	8,623,873 :	8,263,110 :

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above dry weight which is normally reported in export statistics. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Not available. 4/ Represents weight delivered to warehouses. 5/ Less than 500 acres. 6/ Less than a 5 year average. 7/ Includes estimates for Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, East, and Hungary.

Foreign Agricultural Service.

Production of this type of tobacco rose for the third successive year in Italy. Production in 1958 was 52.1 million pounds compared with 46.4 million in 1957 and 44.7 million pounds in 1956, due largely to acreage increases.

Light Sun-cured: World production of light sun-cured tobacco for 1958 is estimated at 764 million pounds compared with 808 million in 1957, 824 million in 1956 and the 1950-54 average of 740 million pounds. Production in Mexico rose to 44.1 million pounds compared with 37.7 million in 1957. Production in Korea was 26.5 million pounds compared with 23.2 million in 1957 and 28.5 million in 1956. Production was reported down in Algeria, India and Japan.

Dark Air-cured: Dark air-cured tobacco production continued downward in 1958. The world crop was 1,891 million pounds compared with 2,077 million in 1957, 2,005 million in 1956 and an average of 1,998 million annually in the 1950-54 period. Production of U. S. cigar filler rose slightly, as did dark air-cured crops in Puerto Rico and Italy, but the general trend was downward. Some of the countries showing decreases are: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, France, West Germany, Algeria and Indonesia.

Dark Sun-cured: Dark sun-cured production for 1958 was 843 million pounds - down about 10 percent from the 940 million-pound crop of 1957. Production was also below 1956 but 9 percent above the 770 million average for the 1950-54 period. The production of dark sun-cured (Remedios) in Cuba was down about 2 million pounds but the big drop of 64 million pounds (14 percent) in India and the drop of 32 million pounds (27 percent) in Pakistan were the major changes from 1957.

Fire-cured: World production of fire-cured leaf, like the other dark tobaccos, continued its downward trend in 1958. The total fire-cured production for 1958 was 134 million pounds compared with 141 million in 1957 and 150 million in 1956. Output of this type of leaf dropped in all of the major producing areas except Rhodesia and Nyasaland where the production rose to 31 million pounds compared with 26 million in 1957. Acreage of fire-cured tobacco has been expanding in Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

FLUKE-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 2/	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 2/	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 2/
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	pounds	pounds	pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
NORTH AMERICA:									
Canada.....	101	118	126	1,358	1,265	1,201	1,298	148,743	151,743
Mexico.....	5	3	4	1,074	956	836	892	3,307	3,307
United States.....	1,048	875	663	1,270	1,625	1,471	1,679	1,422,538	975,001
Central America									
Costa Rica.....	1	3/	3/	345	500	500	500	145	205
El Salvador.....	2	2	2	412	675	742	709	1,186	1,266
Guatemala.....	1	1	1	802	653	696	439	450	600
Honduras.....	3/	1	1	495	790	607	725	300	450
Nicaragua.....	1	1	1	1,051	1,000	1,000	730	1,083	862
Caribbean									
Cuba.....	—	—	2	—	—	786	762	—	1,572
Jamaica.....	3/	—	—	1,100	—	—	—	—	50
SOUTH AMERICA:									
Argentina.....	13	21	32	990	1,365	760	621	28,660	24,339
Brazil.....	37	57	69	1,292	1,131	1,066	1,033	47,622	73,578
Chile.....	3/	1	1	1,324	1,327	1,314	1,487	608	740
Venezuela.....	6	5	5	1,139	1,431	1,785	1,220	6,217	8,157
EUROPE:									
Austria.....	3/	3/	3/	1,128	1,165	1,430	1,429	44	33
Germany.....	4	6	5	1,650	935	1,199	1,443	7,065	5,768
Greece.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Italy.....	13	14	15	1,892	1,942	1,999	1,968	23,555	27,190
Spain.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sweden.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Switzerland.....	1	1	1	1,758	1,800	1,874	1,762	1,865	1,865
Bulgaria.....	12	12	5/	873	917	5/	5/	11,000	5/
Hungary.....	9	10	5/	849	1,100	5/	5/	11,000	5/
Poland.....	27	45	44	1,019	689	1,184	908	27,500	31,000
AFRICA:									
Morocco.....	—	3/	3/	—	919	955	992	14	11
Kenya.....	3/	—	—	631	—	—	—	183	300
Mauritius.....	1	1	1	1,306	1,470	1,122	1,040	616	688
Mozambique.....	5	7	6	410	416	500	500	1,872	2,910
Nigeria.....	2	7	7	904	471	471	450	1,492	310
Rhodesia - Nyasaland.....	198	195	190	592	914	781	693	116,993	178,299
Tanganyika.....	6	5	6	453	686	603	633	3,433	3,584
Uganda.....	2	3	4	301	371	474	467	1,077	1,790
Union of South Africa.....	31	39	43	600	520	579	726	18,553	20,300
ASIA:									
Cyprus.....	3/	—	—	450	—	—	—	—	—
Iraq.....	4	7	8	678	693	606	588	2,711	4,850
Jordan.....	—	—	—	—	522	473	473	2,285	2,421
Turkey.....	1	1	1	768	650	650	650	1,000	1,000
China, Mainland.....	465	600	650	984	933	946	919	457,888	615,000
Burma.....	1	3	5	810	575	502	579	486	1,725
Ceylon.....	3	7	7	475	514	514	500	1,520	3,600
Taiwan.....	15	20	24	1,363	1,633	1,643	20,034	33,545	41,303
India.....	162	210	190	628	661	684	625	101,860	130,000
Indonesia.....	25	87	93	453	273	315	320	11,399	29,255
Japan.....	85	121	114	1,429	1,733	1,801	1,827	121,181	209,708
South Korea.....	15	25	30	1,433	1,176	1,260	21,519	29,472	35,132
Pakistan.....	4	13	11	988	923	954	955	3,800	10,500
Philippines.....	4	87	105	579	555	563	582	2,415	48,295
Thailand.....	52	50	56	343	323	303	320	17,873	16,152
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.....	1	1	1	567	600	1,000	1,000	340	600
OCEANIA:									
Australia.....	7	11	12	849	592	793	850	6,011	9,661
New Zealand.....	4	3	3	1,280	1,549	1,402	1,424	4,582	4,648
TOTAL.....	2,374	2,680	2,567	2,649	—	—	—	2,541,616	3,071,336
See footnotes at end of tables.								2,711,763	2,866,371

See footnotes at end of tables.

LIGHT AIR-CURED BURLEY: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 2/	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 2/	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 2/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	pounds	pounds	pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
NORTH AMERICA:									
Canada.....	3	5	6	1,396	1,563	1,353	4,000	7,028	8,116
Mexico.....	1	1	2	1,206	918	1,041	1,098	772	1,543
United States.....	434	310	306	1,383	1,635	1,592	599,846	506,395	488,111
Central America									
Costa Rica.....	4/	3/	3/	400	400	400	1	5	5
El Salvador.....	3/	3/	1	670	872	751	47	150	473
Guatemala.....	3/	1	1	721	829	813	145	500	525
Honduras.....	4/	3/	3/	400	588	930	400	20	67
Nicaragua.....	3/	3/	3/	750	800	800	60	160	160
Caribbean									
Cuba.....	--	--	1	--	--	1,004	1,005	--	1,004
SOUTH AMERICA:									
Argentina.....	1	1	1	985	1,412	1,582	731	1,487	1,942
Brasil.....	3	4	4	918	827	786	3,125	3,307	3,142
Chile.....	3/	3/	3/	1,064	1,374	1,574	1,532	631	532
Venezuela.....	3	2	2	790	1,397	2,108	2,331	2,390	4,797
EUROPE:									
Austria.....	1	1	1	1,493	1,483	1,992	1,654	875	1,319
Germany.....	6	8	6	2,285	2,186	2,344	13,119	16,936	14,840
Italy.....	6	8	9	2,397	2,423	2,716	14,768	19,390	25,573
Spain.....	12	23	22	1,334	1,088	1,112	15,873	24,467	24,000
Switzerland.....	1	1	1	1,760	1,437	1,462	894	664	950
Poland.....	--	4/	4/	--	4/	4/	--	175	199
AFRICA:									
Morocco.....	3	2	3	1,267	1,019	1,274	3,892	1,764	3,263
Belgian Congo.....	4/	3/	1	400	892	892	441	441	662
Rhodesia - Nyasaland.....	3/	6	8	300	411	415	1,543	2,465	2,375
Union of South Africa.....	4/	4/	4/	400	400	400	400	400	670
ASIA:									
Iraq.....	6	4	4	868	606	605	5,422	2,425	2,426
India.....	3	4	4	624	583	500	1,798	2,330	2,000
Japan.....	2	4	5	1,730	1,892	1,981	4,036	7,566	10,095
OCEANIA:									
New Zealand.....	3/	4/	4/	1,273	400	400	70	85	64
TOTAL	485	385	386	1,273	1,273	1,273	574,351	602,428	594,320
TOTAL									
	485	385	386	1,273	1,273	1,273	574,351	602,428	594,320

See footnotes at end of tables.

OTHER LIGHT AIR-CURED (INCLUDING MARYLAND): Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries, harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons -
farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre			Production				
	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/
	1950-54	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1950-54	pounds	pounds	pounds	1950-54	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
NORTH AMERICA:												
United States	50	44	37	35	831	840	850	925	41,221	36,540	31,450	32,375
Maryland.....												
SOUTH AMERICA:												
Argentina	1	3/	3/	1	900	700	700	700	450	66	79	220
Maryland.....												
EUROPE:												
Germany.....	1	1	--	--	2,253	1,480	--	--	2,075	506	--	--
Italy												
Maryland.....	4	4	4	5	2,523	2,787	2,991	2,826	9,114	10,076	12,522	14,617
Spain												
Maryland.....	11	8	8	8	1,346	1,050	1,050	1,050	14,518	8,400	8,400	8,500
Switzerland.....	3/	4/	4/	4/	1,800	1,000	1,000	1,000	45	51	73	55
Czechoslovakia.....	3/	1	5/	5/	800	1,000	5/	5/	1,000	1,000	5/	5/
Hungary												
Maryland.....	7	6	5/	5/	848	1,000	5/	5/	6,042	6,000	5/	5/
AFRICA:												
Angola.....	--	1	1	2	--	595	535	510	--	441	660	882
French Equatorial Africa												
Maryland.....	4/	2	3	3	4/	694	811	818	4/	1,543	2,204	2,425
Madagascar												
Maryland.....	17	11	13	13	518	619	717	692	9,063	6,815	9,324	9,000
Mauritius												
Amarello.....	3/	3/	3/	3/	1,715	2,376	1,925	1,600	367	164	204	296
Nigeria.....	1	7	7	7	894	493	493	463	1,251	2,733	3,450	3,244
Union of South Africa.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4,000	4,000	5,600	8,250
ASIA:												
Japan.....	6	6	5	5	1,504	1,550	1,668	1,653	8,924	9,301	8,940	8,232
Pakistan.....	6	6	6	6	759	1,167	833	833	4,600	7,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL.....	104	97	91	92	--	--	--	--	102,670	94,636	94,306	100,000

See footnotes at end of tables.

ORIENTAL AND SEMI-ORIENTAL: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1956	1957 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/
	1950-54	1,000	Acres	1950-54	pounds	pounds	1950-54	pounds	pounds
SOUTH AMERICA:									
Argentina.....	—	2	2	—	446	446	—	1,106	1,120
551									
EUROPE:									
Greece.....	232	291	300	554	621	781	128,308	180,651	234,422
Italy.....	62	56	60	726	798	778	45,032	44,713	46,429
Yugoslavia									
Oriental (Prilep)	50	74	106	598	606	944	29,661	44,466	100,750
Semi-oriental (Hercegovina).....	25	21	25	604	801	1,086	15,637	17,042	27,094
Bulgaria.....	218	210	5/	503	505	5/	109,679	106,000	5/
Czechoslovakia.....	7	7	5/	700	571	5/	4,750	4,000	5/
Hungary.....	19	18	5/	848	1,222	5/	16,266	22,000	5/
Poland.....	4	4	4	750	700	1,136	3,000	2,800	4,542
Romania.....	76	74	85	475	700	849	36,109	51,820	72,200
U.S.S.R.....	249	246	254	615	865	913	154,000	212,740	232,000
AFRICA:									
Morocco.....	—	3/	3/	—	1,323	1,323	—	7	7
Rhodesia - Nyasaland.....	1	1	2	373	478	431	214	491	938
Union of South Africa.....	2	2	2	450	500	500	1,008	1,000	800
ASIA:									
Cyprus									
Latakia - fumigated	4	4	4	451	374	481	1,707	1,497	1,923
Iran									
Cigarette.....	38	44	41	603	559	597	22,616	24,581	24,471
Iraq.....	6	7	7	868	693	693	5,422	4,850	4,574
Lebanon									
Shak al Bent.....	3/	1	1	602	602	895	153	295	1,014
Latakia and other.....	6	7	8	646	691	781	3,885	4,863	6,234
Syria									
Oriental.....	8	2	2	794	648	689	7,457	1,426	1,574
Semi-oriental.....	9	13	14	635	715	782	5,719	8,581	10,983
Turkey.....	342	430	426	627	586	617	214,355	252,139	263,052
Pakistan.....	11	16	14	769	750	892	8,300	12,000	12,500
TOTAL.....	1,369	1,530	1,600	—	—	—	813,278	999,068	1,232,627
									1,057,580

See footnotes at end of tables.

LIGHT SUN-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries, harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1956	1957 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/
	1950-54	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1950-54	pounds	pounds	1950-54	pounds	pounds
NORTH AMERICA:									
Mexico.....	40	41	42	44	1,101	897	44,489	40,785	37,699
									44,092
Central America									
Costa Rica.....	2	3	6	6	806	506	2,147	2,290	3,036
									3,000
SOUTH AMERICA:									
Paraguay									
Flojo.....	13	9	9	9	963	1,136	12,708	8,625	10,227
									9,500
AFRICA:									
Algeria.....	46	18	34	34	612	485	27,880	8,620	16,482
									12,914
ASIA:									
China, Mainland.....	465	525	525	525	984	1,000	457,888	525,000	525,000
India.....	150	44	44	44	488	44	73,076	87,360	81,100
Japan.....	53	58	55	51	1,615	1,870	85,354	108,471	98,190
South Korea.....	30	24	22	22	915	1,186	27,867	28,455	23,157
Pakistan.....	10	17	16	16	840	813	8,400	14,000	13,000
TOTAL.....	809	695	709	707	--	--	739,809	823,606	807,831
									764,082

See footnotes at end of tables.

DARK AIR-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/
	1950-54	acres	acres	acres	1950-54	pounds	pounds	pounds	1950-54	pounds	pounds	pounds
NORTH AMERICA:												
Canada	3	3	3	3	1,268	1,174	1,181	910	3,842	3,797	3,897	3,000
Cigar	2	2	1	1	1,177	998	978	1,079	2,203	2,372	1,109	850
Other	42	28	42	42	681	749	740	750	28,640	21,274	31,085	31,526
Mexico												
United States												
Continental	15	13	10	9	1,206	1,618	1,416	1,481	18,115	20,220	13,873	12,882
One Sucker	8	7	5	4	1,147	1,545	1,265	1,350	9,267	10,506	5,946	5,670
Green River	36	33	33	33	1,558	1,665	1,384	1,643	55,651	54,768	45,822	53,710
Cigar filler	32	19	16	15	1,580	1,763	1,756	1,698	51,047	33,513	28,190	26,325
Cigar binder	13	13	13	13	1,162	1,290	1,437	1,330	15,272	17,162	18,830	17,023
Cigar wrapper	3/	3/	3/	3/	600	555	650	675	31,200	30,000	24,000	26,000
Perique	36	35	29	29	861	857	827	897	31,200	30,000	24,000	26,000
Puerto Rico												
Central America												
El Salvador (including cigar)	3/	1	3/	1	788	484	578	578	298	250	225	300
Guatemala	6	5	5	5	588	423	433	400	3,649	2,150	2,125	2,000
Honduras												
Copan	13	8	11	12	507	665	673	656	7,000	5,500	7,400	7,865
Nicaragua												
Chiclagre	1	2	2	2	725	540	460	425	435	1,083	862	840
Shade grown	3/	3/	3/	3/	1,006	700	700	700	20	100	100	100
Panama	2	1	1	1	585	700	700	700	896	712	701	700
Caribbean												
Dominican Republic												
Criollo and Olor	47	50	55	60	867	838	831	735	41,124	41,897	45,683	44,092
Haiti	4	4/	4/	4/	821	4/	4/	4/	3,080	1,500	1,500	1,500
Jamaica												
Cigar	1	1	1	1	800	600	800	800	1,017	600	1,084	950
Native cow-tongue	3/	3/	3/	3/	500	500	500	500	100	100	100	100
SOUTH AMERICA:												
Argentina												
Native Criollo	55	45	53	45	779	790	897	637	43,111	33,730	47,518	28,660
Cigar (Bania and Guenda)	7	7	9	5	733	567	696	794	4,780	3,968	6,286	3,968
Other	10	15	13	12	1,006	950	727	652	10,643	14,257	9,455	7,829
Bolivia	3	3	3	3	734	700	700	700	2,310	2,100	2,100	2,100
Brazil												
Bahia cigar	94	89	90	90	640	719	759	686	60,131	64,030	68,343	61,729
Twist	112	223	207	200	915	605	572	507	102,435	135,000	118,453	101,412
Other	151	86	100	90	367	577	521	432	55,606	49,603	52,910	38,855
Colombia												
Native, Garcia and Cubita	42	(51	48	48	995	(1,396	1,506	1,085	41,666	71,194	72,311	52,086
Other dark	8	6	6	6	940	1,763	1,763	1,240	7,893	9,715	10,582	7,438
Paraguay												
Fuerte	5	5	4	4	921	875	750	750	4,236	3,500	3,000	3,000
Peru	8	7	7	7	935	1,122	1,125	1,100	7,560	8,417	8,155	8,000
Uruguay	1	1	2	2	1,012	1,360	630	630	665	1,058	900	900
Venezuela	4	2	3/	3/	705	573	730	496	2,954	1,345	9	55

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DARK SUN-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries, harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/
	1950-54	acres	acres	acres	1950-54	pounds	pounds	pounds	1950-54	pounds	pounds	pounds
NORTH AMERICA:												
United States.....	4	3	3	3	1,003	1,030	1,030	1,200	3,589	3,193	2,678	3,120
Cuba.....												
Vuelta Abajo (incl. wrapper, binder and filler).....	59	60	63	57	630	874	964	1,022	36,966	52,364	59,857	59,194
Semi-vuelta (filler).....	10	6	6	10	407	952	578	541	4,000	5,818	3,568	5,398
Remedios (filler).....	70	71	72	69	486	546	619	616	34,148	38,596	44,616	42,731
Partido (shade grown wrapper).....	3	3	3	3	652	1,031	927	555	2,198	3,184	3,145	1,739
Oriente (cigarette and chewing).....	3	3	2	2	1,320	707	775	706	4,443	2,088	1,642	1,501
SOUTH AMERICA:												
Chile.....												
Paraguay.....	5	5	5	6	2,050	2,021	1,791	1,757	10,249	9,875	8,077	9,866
Havana.....	2	1	1	1	1,370	1,905	1,980	1,746	2,740	2,050	2,039	1,832
AFRICA:												
Algeria.....	2	1	1	1	612	300	400	400	961	298	568	445
Mozambique.....	2/	1	1	1	175	200	200	200	64	300	300	300
Rhodesia - Nyasaland.....	8	9	10	7	540	299	322	349	4,503	2,692	3,048	2,515
ASIA:												
Iran.....												
Pipe.....	6	4	3	3	889	700	882	882	5,577	2,800	2,646	2,646
China, Mainland.....	75	95	95	95	986	1,053	1,053	1,069	73,988	100,000	100,000	101,388
Burma.....	128	130	133	131	794	655	792	791	101,772	85,120	105,280	103,600
India.....	534	534	534	534	734	734	734	734	391,782	432,190	445,460	381,000
Pakistan.....	82	112	110	73	928	1,205	1,091	1,205	76,120	140,100	120,000	88,000
Thailand.....	44	88	88	88	383	426	426	426	16,920	37,478	37,478	37,478
TOTAL.....	1,035	592	596	550	--	--	--	--	770,020	918,146	940,402	842,953

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FIRE-CURED: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries, harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage harvested				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957 2/	1958 2/
	1950-54	acres	acres	acres	1950-54	pounds	pounds	pounds	1950-54	pounds	pounds	pounds
NORTH AMERICA:												
United States.....	10	9	7	6	1,178	1,260	1,245	1,400	11,659	10,710	8,590	8,540
Virginia fire-cured.....	40	38	29	24	1,144	1,554	1,410	1,513	45,773	59,856	41,906	36,913
Kentucky-Tennessee.....												
SOUTH AMERICA:												
Argentina.....	3	2	2	1	935	1,274	1,252	1,176	3,130	2,205	2,756	1,764
EUROPE:												
Italy.....	27	20	19	18	1,450	1,477	1,564	1,539	39,784	29,533	29,696	27,844
Sweden.....	10	18	15	17	1,400	889	1,695	1,175	14,000	16,000	25,431	19,976
Poland.....												
AFRICA:												
Rhodesia - Nyasaland.....	91	100	115	135	250	258	223	228	22,699	25,770	25,635	30,750
Tanganyika.....	5	4	6	4	435	448	545	700	1,414	1,193	1,064	1,929
Uganda.....									2,012	2,144	3,259	3,200
ASIA:												
Ceylon (incl. chewing and enuf).....	3	2	2	2	702	850	850	750	1,854	1,700	1,700	1,500
Pakistan.....	189	194	196	208	--	--	--	--	--	900	900	900
TOTAL.....	189	194	196	208	--	--	--	--	142,581	150,319	141,287	133,636

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above dry weight, which is normally reported in export statistics. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Less than 500 acres. 4/ Not available.

5/ Estimate included in total. 6/ Less than a 5-year average.

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